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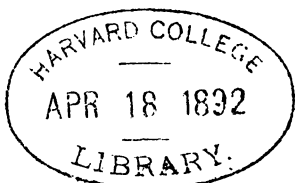


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PREFACE

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IN presenting to the Public a complete set of the Charters which have, in various reigns, been granted to the Free Burgesses of the ancient Borough of Preston, it has not been found necessary to print each document in a separate form; for, on comparing the distinct Charters, with the recitations in the Charter of Elizabeth, it has been discovered, that each of the previous grants, is correctly copied at full length, into that document.

The marginal notes to the translated copy of Elizabeth's Charter, will direct the reader where to find the commencement and ending of the other Charters. Several of them, and amongst the rest that of Philip and Mary, are mere confirmations of former privileges. Where additional ones have been conferred, they are pointed out in the margin, by the words "Additional Grant," or "Additional Grant by the same." The Charters are mentioned by Elizabeth in the inverse order in which they were conferred, until we come to that of Edward III., which recites the four previous ones in the regular order of their respective dates, beginning with that of Henry II.

Having enumerated the privileges bestowed by her predecessors, Elizabeth proceeds to confirm the whole of them; to incorporate the Burgesses; and to make a variety of provisions "for the rule and better government, and melioration of the borough." This confirmation and the additional provisions, follow the confirmatory clause of Philip and Mary, at page 10 of the Latin, and 18 of the English Copies.

Two Charters were subsequently obtained from King Charles II. which are printed successively after that of Elizabeth, but their contents do not call for any particular explanation.

The attested copies of this collection were procured in the year 1817, when some proceedings at law were pending between the Freeman at large, and the Mayor and Council. They were translated by Dr. Lingard, and printed under his revision, with a view to their immediate publication. But some disagreement having arisen between the person at whose expence the work was carried on, and the rest of the Freeman who opposed the Corporation, the books remained in possession of the former, until they were purchased by the individual who has now the honour of submitting them to the Public.

The Charter of Henry II. contains the first extension of Royal grace to the Burgesses of Preston, and simply bestows upon them, the same privileges and immunities as the King who granted it, had previously conferred upon the Burgesses of Newcastle-under-line. The Newcastle Charter being therefore necessary to complete the series, a translated copy of it is here printed, from the version contained in the Description of Preston, edited by Mr. Taylor.

“ Know that we have given, and by this our present Charter, to have confirm'd for us and our heirs to our Burgesses of New Castle underline, that our Town of New Castle underline be a Free Burrough, and that the Burgesses of that Burrough have a Gild Merchant in the said Burrough, with all Libertys and free Customs to such Gild Merchant any ways belonging.

“ And that they may pass through al our Dominions, with their Merchandize, buying and selling, and trafficking well and in peace, freely, quietly, and honourably: And that they be quiet from Toll, Passage, Pontage, Stallag, Lastage, Ulnage, and all other customs.

“ Wherefore we will and strictly command, for us and our Heirs, that the Free Burgesses of the ^{sd} Town receive all manner of Security of Peace, and (Soc. Sac.) Toll, Infangtheif (Hangwyte, Utfantheif, Homesokyn,) Grythbryte, Plytwyte, Flytwyte Fordwyte, Forestall, Childwyte, Wapentake, Lastage, Stallage, (Shoowynde,) Hundred, Averpeny, and for all Treasons, (Murders, Fellonies,) Ryots, the Chattells of (all) Fellons, and all other Customes and Actions throughout all our Realm, and Marches of Wales, and our Dominions, as well in England as in any other of Territories.—“ Given under the Hand of the Reverend Father R. B. of Cicester, our Chancellor at Fakenham, the 18th day of Sept. the 19th year of our Reign, &c.”

Preston, December 7th, 1821.

CHARTÆ, &c.

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INSPEXIMUS Lrās Patentes Dnī Philippi et percharissime Sororis nrē Marie nuper Regis et Regine Angl' de Confirmacōe fact' in hec verba **PHILIPPUS** et **MARIA** Dei grā Rex et Regina Angl' Hispaniarum Franc' utriusque Sicilie Jerusalem et Hibernie Fidei Defensores Archiduces Austrie Duces Burgundie Mediolani et Brabancie Comites Haspurg' Flandrie et Tirolis **OMNIBUS** ad quos presentes lrē pervenerint **SALTM**

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INSPEXIMUS Lrās Patentes Dñi R. nuper Regis Angl' Scdī post Conquestum Burgensibus Ville de Prestona fact' in hec verba RICHARDUS Dei Grā Rex Angl' et Franc' et Dns' Hibern' omībus ad quos presentes Lrē pervenerint Saltm

INSPEXIMUS Cartam quam celebris Memorie Dns' E. nuper Rex Angl' Avus nr' nuper fieri fecit Burgensibus de Preston in hec verba EDWARDUS Dei Grā Rex Angl' Dns' Hibern' et Dux Equit' Archiepīs Epīs Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic' Vicecomitibus Preposit' Ministris et omībus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Saltm

INSPEXIMUS Cartam quam celebris Memorie Dns' H. quondam Rex Angl' progenitor nr' fecit in hec verba HENR' Dei Grā Rex Angl' et Dux Norman' et Equit' et Comes Andeg' Archiepīs Epīs Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justic' Vicecomitibus et omībus Ministr' et Fidelibus suis tocius Angl' Saltm SCIATIS me concessisse ac presenti Carta mea confirmasse Burgensibus meis de Prestona Omēs easdem Lib'tates et libās Consuetudines quas dedi et concessi Burgensibus meis de Novo Castello subt' Lynam Quare Volo et firmit' precipio qd' predcī Burgens' mei de Prestona hēant et teneant bene et in pace libē

et quiete plenarie et integre et honorifice infra Burgum et ext' Burgum Omēs eas Lib'tates et libās Consuetudines salva Justicia mea quas Burgens' de Novo Castello subtus Linam hēnt sicut predict' Burgens' de Novo Castell' eas concess' et Carta mea confirmavi T. G. E. L. J. Norwic' Epīs Godfro' de Luci Com' Willō Demaund Raun de Glaung Hug' de Crese Radō Filio Stephī Bertran de Verd Hugo de Laci apud Wintoniam

INSPEXIMUS ECIAM quandam aliam Cartam quam celebris memorie Dns' J. quondam Rex Angl' progenitor nr' fecit in hec verba JOHES Dei Grā Rex Angl' Dns' Hibern' Dux Normand' Aquit' Comes Andeg' Archiepīs Epīs Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justic' Vicecomitibus Preposit' et omībus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Saltm SCIATIS nos Concessisse et hac Carta nrā Confirmasse Burgensibus de Preston Omēs Lib'tates et Libās Consuetudines quas Dns' H. Pater nr' eisdem Burgens' dedit et concessit et Carta sua confirmavit Concessimus eciam eisdem Burgensibus de proprio Dono nrō Tolum Theoloniū Wapentach' Hundrm' de Amoundernes et Nundinas suas apud Preston ad Assumpcōem Sancte Marie libās per octo dies duratur' Preteria Concessimus eis Pasturam de Forresta que vocat' Fulwood et de ipā Forresta quantum eis opus fuerit ad villam suam edificand' per visum Forestariōrum nrōrum Quare Volumus et firmit' Percipimus qd' predict' Burgens' hēant et teneant prenoiat' Lib'tates et Libās Consuetudines tam illas quas Pater nr' dedit eis qm'

alias quas de proprio Dono nrō illis Concessimus libē et quiete plenar' et integre pacifice et honorifice Ita liber' sicut melius et libiūs Lib'tates illas tempore H. Regis Pris nrī hūerunt et sicut Carta ejusdem H. et Carta nrā quam eis fecimus dum essemus Comes Meriton ronabilit' testant' Hiis Testibus G. Eborac' Archiepō H. Sarum R. Sci Andree' Epis Robtō Comit' Leicestr' Johē de Pratell Garm' de Glapion Willō de Cantilupo Petro de Stock Dat' per manus Simonis Wellenc' Archiedeacon' et Johis de Grey apud Cennom' decimo die Octobr' Anno Regni nrī primo

INSPEXIMUS ECIAM quandam aliam Cartam quam celebris memorie Dns' H. quondam Rex Angl' progenitor nr' fecit in hec verba HENRICUS Dei Grā Rex Angl' Dns' Hib'nie Dux Normand' Aquiet' et Comes Andeg' Archiepis Epis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic' Vicecomitibus Forrestar' Preposit' Ministr' et omibus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Saltm SCATIS nos Concessisse et hac Carta nrā Confirmasse Burgensibus nrīs de Preston Omēs Lib'tates et libās Consuetudines quas Dns' H. Avus nr' eisdem Burgensibus dedit et concessit et Carta sua confirmavit Concessimus eciam eisdem Burgensibus Totum Theoloniū Wapentach' Hundred' de Amondernes et Nundinas suas apud Preston ad Assumpcoēm Sce' Marie libās per octo dies duratur' Preterea Concessimus eis Pastur' de Forresta que vocat' Fulwood et de ipā Forresta quantum eis opus fuerit ad villam suam edificand' per visum Forrestar' nrōrum Quare Volumus et firmit' Precipimus qd' predict' Bur-

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suetudines tam illas quas Dns' H. Avus nr' eis dedit
qm' alias quas Dns' Johēs Pater de proprio Dono suo
illis concessit libē et quiete plenar' et integre pacifice
et honorifice Ita libē sicut unqm' melius et libiūs
Lib'tates illas tempore H. Regis Avi nrī huerunt
Et sicut Cart H. Regis Avi nrī et Johis Regis Prīs
nrī quas inde hēnt rōnabilit' testant' Hiis Testibus
Dnīs Joscelino Bathon' Ricō Sarum Petro Winton Epīs
H. de Burgo Com' Kanc' Justiciar' nrō G. Comit'
Glouc' et Hereford Radō Filio Nici et Ricō de Ar-
gent' Seneschis nrīs Hugone de Nevill Henr' de
Cappell et aliis Dat' per manu' venerabilis Prīs Radi
Cicestr' Epī Cancellar' nrī apud Westm' sexto decimo
die Marcii Anno Regni nrī undecimo.

INSPEXIMUS ECIAM quandam aliam Cartam
predict' Henr' progenitor' nostr' fecit in hec verba
HENRICUS Dei Grā Rex Angl' Dns' Hibern' Dux
Normand' Aquit' et Comes Andeg' Archiepīs Epīs
Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic' For-
restar' Vicecomitibus Preposit' Ministris et omnibus
Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Saltem Quia constat nob' per
Inquisicioēm quam fieri fecimus per Vic' nrū Lan-
castr' qd' trescent' et viginti et quatuor Acres Terre
tam de veteri qm' de nova purprestur' qua' Burgens'
nrī de Preston in Amounderness fecerunt subtus Haiam
nrām de Fulwood pertinen' ad Burgum nrū de Pres-
ton et non ad Haiam predict' que quidem Purprestur'
extendit se per has metas videlt' per Rivulum de Enes-
brock apud Ribbelton Scales usque ubi Rivulus ille

cadit in Aquam de Sanocke et sic decendend' per Aquam illam de Sannocke usque ad antiquam fossam que est divisa int' Preston et Tulkid Concessimus et hac Carta nr̃a Confirmavimus pro nob' et Hered' nr̃is Qd' predict' Burgens' et Hered' sui imper'tuum hēant Purprestur' illam Et qd' de Mora versus Boscum nrm' de Fulwood ext' Coopertum ejusdem Bosci infra dcās metas frussire possint et ad Culturam redigere prout voluerint sine impedimento Forrestariōrum et viridariōrum nr̃orum Ita tamen per quadraginta perticatas Terr' non attingant Coopertum ejusdem Bosci Salvis etiam predict' Burgens' et eorum Hered' predict' Turbar' et Pastur' sua in Mora predict' et sufficient' Clausur' in eodem Bosc' sine Vast' et sine Impediment' predcōrum Forrestariōrum et Viridariōrum nr̃orum Quare Volumus et firmit' Precipimus pro nob' et Hered' nr̃is qd' predict' Burgens' nr̃i et eorum Hered' imper'tuum hēant predict' Purprestur' cum pertin' per predict' metas et divisas cum Turbar' Pastur' Clausur' et aliis Lib'tatibus et libis Consuetudinibus ad Purprestur' illam pertinen' sicut predict' est Hiis Testibus Galfrō de Lerigum et Willō de Valencia Fribus nr̃is Johē de Grey Magrō Willō de Kilkenny Archideacono Coventr' Robto de Mustegror' Robto Walerand Bartho Pecche Ebul' de Montibus Robto Le Norris Radō de Bake Puz Impert' Pugeis et aliis Dat' per manu' nrm' apud Windesoram vicesimo nono die Octobr' Anno Regni nr̃i tricesimo septimo

NOS AUTEM Donacoēs Concessionēs et Confirmacoēs predict' ratas hentes et gratas eas pro nob' et

Hered' nr̄is quantum in nob' est Concedimus et Confirmamus prout Carte predictē rōnabilit' testant'

CONCESSIMUS INSUPER eisdem Burgensibus qd' ip̄i et Hered' sui imper'tuum hēant unu' Marcatum singulis Septimanis apud predict' Villam de Preston in Com' Lancast' per diem mercurii et unam Feriam similit' ibidem singulis Annis per quinque dies duratur' viz' in Vigilia et in Festo Apostolorum Simonis et Jude et per tres dies prox' sequen' dumtamen Marcatum illud et FERIA illa non sint ad nocument' vicinorum Marcatorum et vicinarum Feriarum Quare Volumus et firmit' precipimus pro nob' et Hered' nr̄is qd' predict' Burgens' et Hered' sui imper'tuum hēant predict' Marcatus et Feriam apud villam predict' cum om̄ibus Lib'tatibus et libis Consuetudin' ad hujusmodi Marcat' et Feriam pertinen' Nisi Marcatum illud et FERIA illa sint ad nocumuntum vicinorum Marcator et vicinarum Feriarum sicut predictum est Hiis Testibus Venerabilibus p̄ribus H. Lincoln Cancell' nr̄o J. Elien Ep̄s Joh̄ de Warren' Comit' de Surr' Rogero de Mortuo mari Comit' Marchie Radō Bassett de Drayton Gilbtō Talbott Joh̄ de Wysham Seneschō Hospicii nr̄i et aliis Dat' per manu' nr̄am apud Westm' vicesimo septimo die Novembr' Anno Regni nr̄i scdō

NOS AUTEM Donacoēs Concessionem et Confirmationem supradcās ac om̄ia et singula in dcā Carta predict' Avi nr̄i content' rat' hēntes et grat' ea pro nob' et Hered' nr̄is quantum in nob' est dīcīs nob' nunc Burgens' dcē ville de Prestona et eōrum Hered' et Successoribus Burgens' ejusdem ville tenore presenciu' Con-

cedimus et Confirmamus prout Carta sup' dict' rōnabilit' testat' et prout iidem Burgens' et Antecessores sui Lib'tatibus at libis Consuetudinibus predict' uti et gaudere et supradict' Ferias sive Nundinas Mercat' Theoloniū' Purprestur' Pastur' Turbar' Clausur' et singula alia Premissa in Carta illa content' rōnabilit' hēre et tenere consueverunt IN CUJUS rei testimoniu' has Lrās nrās fieri fecimus Patentes TESTE meipō apud Westm' vicesimo septimo die Aprilis Anno Regni nrī scdō

NOS AUTEM Omēs Donacoēs Concessionones et Confirmācōes supradcās ratas hēntes et grat' eas pro nob' et Hered' nrīs quantum in nob' est dīlcis nob' nunc Burgens' dcē ville de Prestona et eōrum Hered' et Successoribus Burgens' ejusdem ville tenore Presenciu' Concedimus et Confirmamus prout hujusmodi Lrē rōnabilit' testant'

PRETERIA VOLENTES eisdem Burgens' Grām ubiorem facere in hac parte Concessimus et hac Carta nrā Confirmavimus pro nob' et Hered' nrīs eisdem Burgens' dcē ville Preston et eōrum Hered' et Successoribus sius predcīs qd' licet ipī vel eōrum Predecessores' vel Antecessores aliqua vel aliquibus Lib'tatum Quietanciar' Libārum Consuetud' et Concessionu' supradcārum in supradcīs Cartis et Lrīs contentar' aliquo casu emergen' hactenus usi non fuerint ipī tamen Burgens' et eōrum dcī Hered' et Successores omibus et singulis hujusmodi Lib'tatibus Quietan' Libis Consuetudinibus et Concess' exnunc plene gaudeant et utant' juxta tenorem Concessionu' et Confirmacionu' predcārum

sine occōne vel impediment' nrī vel Hered' nrōrum
 Justic' Escaetorum Vicecomitu' aut aliorum Ballivo-
 rum seu Ministrorum quorumcunque Hiis Testibus
 Venerabilibus Pribus Thoma Archiepō Cantuar' totius
 Angl' Primat' R. London W. Winton J. Elien' H.
 Lincoln Frē nrō E. Exon' Epis Edmundo Duce Ebo-
 rum Avunculo nrō Charissimo Thoma de Bello Campo
 Warr' Henr' de Percie Northumbr' et Thoma de
 Percy Wigorn' Comitibus dīlcō clicō nrō Johē de
 Scarle Cancellar' nrō Johē Norburr' Thesaur' nrō
 Thoma de Beinston Senescall' Hospicii nrī et Magrō
 Clifford Custod' Privati Sigilli nrī et aliis Dat' per
 Manu' nrām apud Westm' vicesimo die Februarii
 Anno Regni nrī scdō

NOS AUTEM Donacoēs Concessionēs et Confir-
 macoēs predict' rat' hēntes et grat' eas pro nob' et
 Hered' nrīs quantum in nob' est dīlcīs nob' nunc Bur-
 gensibus dcē Ville de Preston et eorum Hered' et
 Successoribus Burgensibus ejusdem Ville tenore Pre-
 senciū' Concedimus et Confirmamus prout Carte et
 Lrē predict' rōnabiliter testant'

PRETERIA VOLENTES prefat' Burgens' Grām
 in hac parte facere ulrōrem Concessimus et hac Carta
 nrā Confirmavimus pro nob' et Hered' nrīs eisdem
 Burgensibus et eōrum Hered' et Successoribus suis
 imper'tuum qd' licet ipī vel eōrum predecessores Bur-
 gens' ville predcē aliqua vel aliquibus Lib'tatum Quie-
 tanciārum Libārum Consuetud' et Concessionum supra
 dict' in Carta et Lrīs predict' content' aliquo casu emer-
 gen' hactenus plene usi non fuerunt ipī tam Bur-

gens' et eorum Hered' et Successores Omibus et singulis Lib'tatibus Quietanciis Libis Consuetud' et Concess' predict' de cetero plene gaudeant et utant' imper'tuum' sine occōne vel impediment' nrī vel Hered' nrōrum Justic' Escaetōrum Vicecomitum aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministorum nrōrum quorumcunque Hiis Testibus Veneralibus Prius T. H. Archiepō Cantuar' totius Angl' Primat' Consanguin' nrō H. Winton Avunculo nrō charissimo Cancellar' nrō T. H. Dunelm' N. Bathon' et Wellen' et H. Meneven Epīs charissimo Fri' nrō Thoma Clarencie charissimo Consanguineo nrō Edwardo Eborum Ducibus Thoma Arrundell Thesaur' nrō Ricō Warr' Consanguineis nrīs Comitibus Henr' Fitzhughe Camerario nrō Thoma Erpingham Senescall' Hospicii nrī et Magrō Johē Prophet' Custodi Privat' Sigilli nrī et aliis Dat' per manum nrm' apud Westm' decimo septimo die Februarii Anno Regni nrī primo

NOS AUTEM Cartas et Lrās predcās ac omīa et singula in eisdem content' rat' hēntes et grat' ea pro nob' et Hered' nrīs quantum in nob' est Acceptamus et Approbamus ac dilcīs nob' Thome Walle nunc Major' et Burgens' Ville predcē et eorum Hered' et Successoribus tenore presenciu' Ratificamus et Confirmamus prout Carte et Lrē predcē in se rōnabilit' testant' IN CUJUS Rei testimoniu' has Lrās nrās fieri fecimus Patentes Test' nob' ipīs apud Westm' tricesimo die Junii Annis Regnōrum nrōrum quarto e quinto.

ET CUM dcūs Burgus nr' de Preston sit' Burg antiquues ac Burgens' et Inhabitantes ejusdem Burgi

a tempore cujus cont'rīi memoria Hom' non existit pacifice hūerunt tenuerunt et gavisi fuerunt Juribus Jurisdicoibus Franches' Lib'tatibus Quietanciis et Privilegiis ac diversis aliis Consuetud' Lib'tatibus Immunitatibus et Jurisdicoibus tam per prescripcōem qm' rōne et pretexto predcārum Cartarum Concessionu' et Confirmaconu' per predcōs progenitores nrōs Reges Angl' Burgens' et Inhitant' Burgi predict ac eorum Successoribus ab antiquo fact' ut informam'

ET CUM dilci Subditi nrī Inhitant' dcī Burgi nob' humiliter nunc supplicaverunt ut eis munificenciam et Grām nrām Regiam gracie et lib'aliter exhibere et extendere Velimus et qd' nos pro Regimine et meliore Gubnācōe et melioracōe ejusdem Burgi eisdem Inhitantibus in aliud Corpus Corporatum et Politiquu' facere redigere et creare designarem'

NOS IGIT pefat' Regina considerant' qd' predict' Burg' de Preston sit Burgus antiquus et Populosus ac Volentes qd' de cetero quidam certus et indubitatus modus in eodem Burgo de et super Custod' Pacis nrē ac Regimine et Gub'nacōe P'pli nrī ibidem hēat' et ut Burgus ille perpetuis futur' temporibus sit et permaneant Burg' Pacis et Quietis ad formidinem et terrorem malorum et premiu' bonorum Aceciam ut Pax nrā ceteraque fact' Justicie absque ulterori dilōnis diffugio ibidem custodire et fieri valeant De Grā nrā spiāli ac ex certa Sciencia et mero motu nrīs **VOLUMUS** Ordinamus Constituimus et Concessimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Volumus Ordinamus Constituimus Concedimus et

Declaramus Qd' predic' Burg' nr' de Preston sit et permaneat imposterum imper'tuum liber Burgus Corporat' in re fcō et noiē imper'tuum de uno Majore duobus Ballivis et Burgens' per Nomen Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancast' Et qd' dict' Major Ball' et Burgens' Burgi illius sint de cetero una Coitās et unu' Corpus Corporat' et Politiquu' in re fcō et noiē imper'tuum per nomen Majoris Ball' et Burgens' Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancast' Et qd' Major Ball' et Burgens' ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et Successores sui de cetero imper'tuum sint et erunt unu' Corpus Corporat' et una Coitās perpetua in re et noiē hēantque Success' perpet' Ipōsque Majorem Ball' et Burgens' unam Coitātem ac unu' Corpus Corporatum et Politiquu' realiter et ad plenu' CREAMUS Erigimus Ordinamus Facimus Constituimus Declaramus et Incorporamus per presentes

ET VOLUMUS ac pēr Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Cōncedimus pefat' Major' Ballivis et Burgens' et Successoribus suis Qd' ipī et Successores sui per nomen Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancast' plitare et implitare sequi et prosequi ac defendere et defendi respondere et responderi valeant et possint omībus Cur' et Locis nrīs Hered' et Successor' nrōrum ac in aliis Cur' et Locis quibuscunque tam infra hoc Regnu' nr̄m' Anglie qm' alibi infra alia Dniā nrā quecunque existen' tam in omībus et singulis Exaccōibus Sectis Querelis Causis et Demaund' realibus personalibus seu mixtis qm' in

omibus et singulis aliis Causis Negociis et Materiis quibuscunque Quodque iidem Major Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predict' et Successores sui hēant et hēbunt Coē Sigillum pro omibus Causis et Negociis suis agend' et tractand' ac qd' bene liceat et licebit eis et Successoribus sui Sigillum illud ad libitum suum frangere mutare et de novo facere ac qd' iidem Major Ball' et Burgens' per nomen Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancast' sint et erunt persone habiles et in lege capaces ad perquirend' recipiend' et capiend' sibi et Successoribus suis seu aliter Dniā Maneria Terr' Tent' Reddit' Revercoēs Hereditament' Lib'tat' Franches' Jura Jurisdiccoēs et Privileg' quecunque que de nōb' imēdiate tenentur in Capite vel aliter per Servic' Militar'

AC ECIAM VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris per presentes Concedimus pefat' Major' Ball' et Burgensibus et Successoribus suis Qd' de cetero sint et erunt viginti quatuor Hōies de discreciōribus et magis probioribus viris dict' Burg' de Preston qui erunt assistentes et auxiliantes dict' Major' et Ball' ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in causis et materiis eundem Burgum tangen' et qui erunt et vocabuntur Principales Burgens' ejusdem Burgi et erunt Cōe Consilium dict' Burgi pro Statutis Actibus et Ordinacōibus public' utilitat' et comōd' ejusdem Burgi et Inhitancium inde pro tempore existen' tangend' et conservand' per eos seu per majorem partem eorundem cum Major' Burgi illius pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus faciend' et agend' pro me-

liore Guernacõe et Regimine Hom' ac Causarum Rerum et Negociorum dict' Burgi pro tempore existen' Et qd' Major Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predict' pro tempore existen' alios Burgens' de Inhabitibus probioribus Burgi illius in Burgens' ejusdem Burgi facere constituere et admittere possint de tempore in tempus juxta discrecões suas

ET ULTERIUS Volumus ac pro nōb' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per presentes Concedimus prefat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' et Successoribus suis Qd' ipī et Successores sui per eorum Cōe Consilium vel per majorem partem inde hēant plenam Auctoritatem Potestatem et Facultatem condend' constituend' ordinandi faciend' et stabiliend' de tempore in tempus hujusmodi Leges Institut' Jura Ordinacões et Constitucões que eis sive eorum parti majori bona salubria utilia honesta et necessar' juxta eorum sanas discrecões fore videbitur pro bonis regimine et gub'nacõe Major' Ball' et Capital' Burgens' ac omī aliorum Burgens' Burgi predci pro tempore existen' Ac pro declaracõe quo modo et ordine predict' Major' Ball' Capital' Burgens' et ceteri omēs et singuli Ministr' Officiar' Burgens' Artifices Inhabit' et Residen' Burgi illius in Officiis Funccōibus Mister' Artific' et negociis suis infra Burgum predict' ac Lib'tates ejusdem pro tempore existen' sese hēbunt et gerent et utantur Ac aliter pro ulteriori bono et publica utilitate et bono regimine Burg' predict' ac victualacõe ejusdem Burgi Aceciam pro meliori preservacõe gub'nacõe disposicõe locacõe et dimiss' Terr' Tent' Possession'

Revencionu' Hereditament' pifat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' et Success' suis dat' concess' seu assign' aut imposterum concedend' dand' vel assign' ac res et causas et alias quascunque Burgum predem aut Statut' Jura et Interesse ejusdem Burgi tangen' seu quoquo modo concernen' Qdq̃ue Major Ball' et Burgens' et Cõe Consilium Burgi predict' pro tempore existen' vel eorum major pars quocienscunque hujusmodi Leges Institut' Jura Ordinacões et Constitucões concederint fecerint ordinaverint vel stabili- erint in forma predict' hujusmodi et tales Penas Punicões Penalitates per Imprisonament' Corporis vel per Fines et Amerciament' vel per eorum utrumque erga et super omēs delinquentes contra hujusmodi Leges Institut' Jura Ordinacões et Constitucões sive eorum aliquod sive aliqua quales et que eisdem Major' Ball' Burgens' et Coi Consilio pro tempore existen' sive eorum majori parti necessar' et requisit' pro observacoẽ predcorum Leg' Ordinacõnu' et Constitu- cõnu' melius fore videbitur facere ordinare limitare et providere et eadem Fines et Amerciament' levare ac hẽre possint et valeant absque impediment' nr̃i Hered' vel Successorum nr̃orum Que omiã et singula Leges Ordinacões Constitucões Jura et Institut' sic ut præ- fert' faciend' observari Volumus sub Penis in eisdem continend' Ita tamen qd' Leges Ordinacões Institut' et Constitucões hujusmodi non sunt repugnant' nec contrar' Legibus et Statut' Regni nr̃i Anglie Et pro executiõe eorundem Voluntat' et Concess' nr̃arum in hac parte ASSIGNAVIMUS Nõiavimus Constituimus

et Fecimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Success' nris Assignamus Noiāmus Constituimus et Facimus dilect' nob' Jevn' Walle Burgens' Burgi predci fore et esse primu' et modernu' Major' Burgi predci Volentes qd' idem Jevn' Walle in Officiū Majoris Burgi erit et continuabit a dat' Presenciu' usque ad Festum Scī Wilfridi Archiepi prox' futur' et de eodem Festo quousque alijs Burgens' Burgi predci ad Officiū illud pefat' et jurat fuerit juxta Ordinacōes et provisiones in presentibus inferius express' et spificat' si idem Evanus Wall tam diu vixerit ASSIGNAVIMUS ECIAM Noiāvimus et Constituimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris Assignamus Noiāmus Constituimus et Facimus dilect' nob' Ricm' Banester et Willm' Robson Inhabitantes Burgi predci fore et esse prim' et modern' Ball' dict' Burgi et qd' in Officio Ball' ejusdem erunt et pernanebunt a dat' Presenciu' usque ad predict' Festum Scī Wilfri Archiepi extunc prox' sequen' et ab eodem Festo quousque al' Burgens' Burgi predict' ad Officiū illud pefect' et jurat' fuer' juxta Ordinacōes et provisiones in presentibus inferius express' et specificat' si iidem Ricus Banester et Wills' Robson tamdiu vixerint

NECNON ASSIGNAVIMUS Noiāvimus Fecimus et Constituimus ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris Assignamus Noiāmus Ordinamus Constituimus et Facimus dil'cos nob' Oliverum Brerers Willm' Hodgskynson Cristoferum Haidock Thomam Typpynge Thomam Walle Willm' Banester Thomam Brerers Willm' Clayton Henr' Blundell Ricm Arram

Ricm Banester et Johēn Hynde Inhabitā' dci Burgi
 de Preston fore et esse duodecim principales Burgens'
 ejusdem Burgi ac fore et esse super eorum Sacrament'
 Corporal' presun' coram prefat' Jevno Walle Major'
 moder' predict' Commun' Consil' Burgi illius et eos-
 dem duodecim Principales Burgens' Burgi illius ac
 Comūn' Consilii Burg' predict' Facimus Creamus
 Constituimus et Declaramus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS Volumus ac pro nob' Hered' et
 Successoribus nrīs per presentes Concedimus prefat'
 Major' Ball' et Burgens' et Successoribus suis qd'
 Major dci Burghi de Preston pro tempore existen'
 sit et erit Clericus Mercat' dict' Burg' et Lib'tat' de
 Preston Et qd' nullus alius Clicus Mercat' nrī aut
 Hered' nrōrum ibidem in hujusmodi Officio in ali-
 quo se intromittat Et qd' Major dci Burgi de Preston
 pro tempore existen' de cetero sit et erit Coronator
 infra eundem Burgum ac Lib'tat' et Precinct' ejusdem
 ad omīa et singula que ad Officium aliquorum Coronat'
 infra aliquos Com' hujus Regni nrī Angl' per Leges
 et Statut' ejusdem Regni pertinent seu pertinere de-
 bent faciend' et exercend' Et qd' nullus alius Coronat'
 hr aut Hered' nrōrum ibidem in hujusmodi Officio
 in aliquo se intromittat

PRETERIA CONCESSIMUS insuper pro nob'
 Hered' et Successoribus nrīs prefat' Major' Ball' et
 Burgens' Burgi predicti qd' Major ejusdem Burgi pro
 tempore existen' durān' tempore quo ipē in Officio
 suo Major' fore contigerit sit Justic' nr' Hered' et Suc-
 cess' nrōrum ad Pacem nrām Hered' et Successorum

nrōrum infra Burgum predcm' conservand' ac plenarie
hēat Potestatem et Authoritatem ad Pacem nrām
Hered' et Success' nrōrum conservand' et ad omīa
alia faciend' et exequend' que ad Offic' Justic' Pacis
nrē aut Hered' seu Successorum nrōrum in aliquo
Com' nrō Angl' pertinent faciend' et exequend' pro
bono Pacis nrē Hered' et Successorum nrōrum Ac
pro quiet' Regimine et sana Gub'nacōe Pp'li nrī Hered'
et Successorum nrōrum in omībus et singulis suis Arti-
culis infra Burgum predict' juxta vim formam et eff'cm
Statut' et Ordinacōnu' superinde edit' custodiend' et
custodiri faciend' et ad omēs illos quos contra vim for-
mam et eff'cm Statut' et Ordinac' predict' invenerit
facient' sive delinquen' scdm' Legem Terre nrē punire
faciend' ac omīa et singula audiend' et determinand'
scdm' Legem et Consuetud' Regni nrī Angl' adeo
plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout
Justic' Pacis in dcō Com' Lancast' seu alibi intra
Regnu' nrū predcm' ante hec tempora hūerunt vel
exercerunt seu hēbunt et exercebunt in futur' extra
Burgum predict et Lib'tat' ejusdem

ET ULTERIUS de ul'riori Grā nrā Volumus ac
ex certa Scientia et mero motu nrīs pro nob' Hered'
et Successoribus nrīs per presentes Concedimus pre-
fat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' dcī Burgi de Preston et
Successoribus suis Qd' quedam Domus infra dcm'
Burgum vulgariter nuncupat' Le Tole Booth alias Le=
Motehall sit et erit Coīs Aula et Domus d'cōrum=
Major' Ball' et Burgens' et Successorum suorum im-
per'tuum tam ad Convencōes et Congregacōes suas in

eadem faciend' qm' ad omia et omimod' Cur' Plct' Causas Materias Consilia et Negocia sua quecunque ibidem de tempore in tempus tenend' et tractand'

ACECIAM de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Scien-
cia et mero motu nrīs pro nob' Hered' et Successori-
bus nrīs per presentes Concedimus pefat' Major' Ball'
et Burgens' dcī Burgi de Preston pro tempore exis-
ten' sive majori parti eorundem de tempore in tempus
quolibet Anno de cetero imper'tuum in Hebdomoda
prox' ante Festum Scī Wilfrī Archiepī convenient et
convenire valeant et possint in predict' Aula et Domo
aut in aliquo alio Loco convenient' infra Burgum pre-
dictm' et ibidem due persone de discretioribus et magis
probioribus Inhabit' dict' Burgi per eos eligend'
et noiand' videlt' una per majorem et altera per
Capital' Burgens' ejusdem Burgi adtunc ibidem pre-
sent' Sacrament' sua Corporalit' prestabunt coram
Majore qd' illi cum festinacōe convenient' elegerint
et noiabunt viginti et quatuor de aliis discreciore et
magis probioribus ac discret' Burgens' inhītan' infra
Burgum predictm' ad eligend' et noiand' novum Ma-
jorem novum Ball' vocand' Le Towns Baylie et no-
vum Servient' vocat' The Towns Serjant Quiquidem
viginti quatuor persone postqm' sint nōiat et elect'
~~fu~~erint Sacrā Corporaliter prestabunt coram Majore qd'
illi cum expeditōe convenient' eligent et noiabunt ta-
lem discretam personam existen' Burgen' Burgi pre-
dict ac inhītan' in eodem qualem eis videbitur magis
convenient' pro comōd' Burgi predict' ac pro manu-
tencōe et conservacōe Lib'tat' ejusdem fore et esse

Major' dci Burgi Ac unam aliam idoneam personam existen' Burgens' ejusdem Burgi ac inthan' infra eundem seu Lib'tates ejusdem qualem eis magis convenien' videbitur fore et esse Ball' dci Burgi necnon talem aliam discretam et idoneam personam existen' Burgen' dci Burgi ac inthan' infra Lib'tat' ejusdem qualem eis necessar' et convenien' videbitur fore et esse Servien' vocat' The Towns Serjant in Burgo predict' Et si predci viginti quatur Hōies in eleccōe sua predict' consentire et in unu' aggreare non possint Tunc Volumus qd' Eleccō et Consentacio majoris partis eorundem capiat eff'em prout antehac usitat' fuerit Qui quidem Hōies sic ad separalia Officia majoris Ball' et Servient' elect' anteqm' ad Officia illa separaliter exequend' admittantur Sacrament' Corporal' post nōiācōem et Eleccōem predict' coram Majore tunc existen' in presencia Ball' Capital' Burgens' Burgi predict' adtunc presen' existen' ad Officia illa bene et fideliter exequend' separaliter prestabunt Et post hujusmodi Saerā sic separaliter prestit' Offic' illa pro uno Anno integro tunc prox' sequen' separaliter exequi valeant et possint

ET INSUPER Volumus ac pro nob' Hered' et Success' nris per Presentes Concedimus' prefat' Majori Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predict' qd' si contingat Major' Burgi predict' aliquo tempore infra unum Annum postqm' ad Officium Major' Burgi predict' ut preferatur prefect' ac jurat' fuerit obire vel ab Officio suo amoveri durant' tempore quo sit Major ejusdem Burgi Qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit predict'

Capital' Burgens' Burgi predcī pro tempore existē' sive **Major' part'** eorundem Convenire in dcā Domo aut Loco convenient' infra Burgum predcm' ad certum diem prefixum infra octo dies prox' sequen' mortem aut mocionem dcī Majoris et ibidem nōiare et assignare valeant et possint unum de seipis in **Major' Burgi** predcī Et qd' ille sic elect' et prefect' Officiū illud hēat et exerceat duran' resid' ejusdem **Anni Sacr' Corporal'** in forma predict' prius prestand' Et sic tociens quociens casus sic acciderit

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' **Hered'** et **Successoribus nrīs** Concedimus p̄fat' **Majori Ball'** et **Burgens' Burgi** predict' et **Successoribus suis** qd' quel' persona ad Officiū **Majoris Burgi** predict' imposterum elect' Sācrū capiet et prestabit **Corporale** coram ultimo **Predecessore** suo in eodem Officio si idem **Predecessor** superstes sit et tunc presens fuerit Et si idem **Predecessor** suus adtunc mortuus vel absens fuerit tunc coram **Ball'** et aliis **Capital' Burgens' Burgi** predict' ibidem presentibus pro fidei executione dcī Officii **Major' Burgi** predcī

ET VOLUMUS insuper ac per **Presentes** pro nob' **Hered'** et **Successoribus nrīs** Concedimus p̄fat' **Majori Ball'** **Burgens' dcī Burgi** de **Preston** et **Successoribus suis** qd' quocienscunque et quodocunque contigerit **Ball'** vel **Servient'** dcī **Burgi** vocat' **Le Town's Serjante** vel eorum alterum infra unum Annum postq̄m' ad Officia illa **Ball'** et **Servient'** ut prefertur prefect' et jurat' fuerint vel fuerit vel ab Officiis suis amoveri Qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit

Major' dcī Burgi et Capital' Burgens' Cōis Consiliū Burgi predict' sive majori parti eorumdem alium vel alios Inhabitantes Burgi predicti in loco ipsius vel ipsorum morien' vel amot' existen' infra octo dies tunc prox' sequen' eligere et preficere modo et forma superscript' Et qd' ipē vel ipī sic elect' et prefect' Officium sive Officia illa ad que sic elect' nōiat' et prefect' fuerint vel fuerit hēat et exerceat vel hēant et exercent durant' resid' ejusdem Anni Sacr' Corporal' in forma predict' prius prestand' Et hoc tocien's quocien's causa sic acciderit ET VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes Concedimus prefat' Majori Ball' et Burgens' dict' Burgi Qd' Major' ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus quancūque ei placuerit noiābit eliget et constituet' unam honestam et idoneam personam existen' Burgens' et inhītan' infra Burgum predict' fore et supportare Offic' Ball' vocat' The Maiors Baylie qm'diu idem Major in Officio suo fuerit vel pertinebit ad ea omīa faciend' que ad hujusmodi Offic' Ball' pertinent' necnon qd' predict' Major pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus quancūque ei placuerit noiābit eliget et constituet' unam aliam idoneam personam Burgens' et inhītan' infra Burgum predict' fore et supportare Officiū Subball' vocat' The Serjante at Mace vel Le Maior's Serjante qm'diu idem Major in Officio suo fuerit vel qm'diu ei placuerit pro proclamacōibus Arrestacōibus process' Execucōibus et aliis rebus Officio suo pertinen' infra dcm' Burgum ac Limites Bundas

et procinet' ejusdem faciend' peragend' et exequend'
 in consimilibus modo et forma prout Servient' ad
 Clavam in Civitate nrā London faciant et exequantur
 Qd'que idem Serviens ad Clavam sic noiāt' constitutus
 et electus possit et valeat portare unam Clavam Armis
 nrīs sculpt' infra limites et Bundas dcī Burgi duran'
 tempore quo ipē in Officio illo fuerit Et qd' quel't'
 persona tam ad Officiu' Ball' vocat' The Maiors Bay-
 lye qm' ad Officiu' Servient' ad Clavam infra Burgum
 predict' noiāt' et elect noiānd' et eligend' Sacrament'
 capiat' et prestat Corporal' coram Majore ejusdem
 Burg' pro tempore existen' ad Officiu' suu' bene et fide-
 liter exercend' et exequend'

ET INSUPER Volumus ac per presentes pro nob'
 Hered' et Success' nrīs Concedimus pefat' Major'
 Ball' et Burgens' dcī Burgi de Preston et eorum Suc-
 cessoribus Qd' si aliquis vel aliqui imposterum ad
 Offic' Major' Ball' et Servient' vocat' Le Towne Ser-
 jante sive aliorum Officior infer' Burgi predcī sive
 eorum aliquod sive aliqua elect' vel noiāt' fuerint vel
 elect' et noiāt' fuerit hēns sive hēntes noticiam et cog-
 nicōem de elecōe et noiācoe illis recusaverint et renue-
 rint recusaverit vel renuerit Officiu' illud ad qd' ipē vel
 ipī recusan' vel renuen' elect' vel noiāt' fuerunt qd'
 tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Major' et Capital'
 Burgens' de Cōe Consiliō burgi predict' pro tempore
 existen' vel majori part' eorundem ipm vel ipōs recu-
 san' et renuen' recusant' et renuent' exercere Officiu'
 illud vel Offic' illa ad quod vel que ipē vel ipī sic
 elect' et nōiat' fuerit vel fuerint comittere Prisone

In Burgo prædicto ibidem remansur' quousque Offic' illud vel Offic' illa exercere velit vel velint et Fines vel Amerciament' super hujusmodi recusant' vel recusant' taxare prout eisdem Major' et Capital' Burgens' pro tempore existen' vel eorum majori parti rōnabilit' videbitur ac ipm vel ipos sic recusant' vel recusant' Prisione prædictæ comittere ac ibidem retinere quousque Fines et Amerciament' illa ad usum Burgi prædicti solvat seu solvi faciat solvant seu solvi faciant' ET ULTERIUS Volumus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is p̄fat' Majori Ball' et Burgens' dict' Burgi et Successoribus suis Ordinamus et Concedimus Qd' quādocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de predict' vigint' quatuor Capital' Burgens' pro tempore existen' obire vel a loco suo Capital' Burgens' amoveri qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Majori et aliis Capital' Burgens' Burgi predict' ad tunc superviven' vel remanen' vel majori parti eorundem aliu' vel plures alios Burgens' Burgi predict' in locum vel loca ipsius Capital' Burgens' vel eorum Capital' Burgens' sic obire vel amoveri contingen' eligere nōiare et p̄ficere qdque' ille vel illi elect' et p̄fect' elect' et p̄fecti prestit' prius coram Majore Burgi predict' Sacrament' Corporal' erit et erint de numero predict' viginti quatuor Capital' Burgens' Burgi predict' Et hoc tociens quociens castus sic acciderit

ET ULTERIUS Concessimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Confirmavimus p̄fat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' dict' Burgi de Preston et

Successoribus suis qd' iidem Major' Ball' Burgens' et Success' sui hēant Guildam Marcator' in Burgo predcō cum omībus Lib'tatibus et libīs Consuetud' ad hujusmodi Guildam pertinen' prout antehac usi fuerunt

ET INSUPER Volumus ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes Concedimus prefat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' dict' de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' hēant et hēbunt infra eundem Burgum de Preston ac Bundas et Lib'tates ejusdem Assisam et Assaiam Panis Vini et Cervicie ac aliorum Victual' necnon Ulnag' et Sigillac' omī Pannorum Ponderum et Mensurarum quorumcunque ac emendacōem et correccōem inde ac omī aliorum ad Officiu' Clici Mercat' nrī vel Hered' nrōrum spectan' sive pertinen' unacum Puniōibus et Correccoibus eorundem et quicquid quod ad Officiu' illud pertinet faciend' seu exercend' quociens et quando expediens et necesse fureit Ac qd' hēant et hēbunt omēs Fines et Redempcōes et Amerciamen' ac omīa alia proficua inde provenien' ad Usū et proficiuū dcī Burgi et Cōitatis ejusdem

ET ULTERIUS de ubiori grā nrā Volumus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus Major' Ball' et Burgens' dict' Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis Qd' ipī et Success' sui hēant et teneant ac hēre et tenere valeant et possint unam Cur' in dcā Domo vocat' Le Motehall aut alio Loco in eodem Burgo magis convenien' coram Major' Ball' et Senescall' ejusdem Burgi quālt' tertia Septimana Die Veneris tenend' imperpetuum Et qd' hēbunt in eadem Cur' plenam Potestatem et Auctoritatem audiend' et

terminand' per Querelas in eadem de omnibus et omni-
 mod' Debitis Compot' Convencōibus et Contractibus
 Transgressionibus vi et armis seu aliter in contempt'
 nrm' vel Hered' et Successorum nrōrum fact' Conven-
 cōibus Detencōibus Contempt' Decepcōibus Vetitena-
 miis et aliis rebus et accōibus personalibus quibuscun-
 que infra dict' Burgum de Preston ac Bundas et Limit'
 ejusdem quovismodo emergen' sive emergend' sive
 contingen' vel contingend' Et qd' iidem Major et
 Ball' et Successores sui pro hujusmodi Queremoniis
 Plitis Querelis et Accōibus hēant plenam Potestatem
 Auctoritat' et Facultat' Personas defenden' versus
 quas hujusmodi Querelas Plit' sive Accōes in predict'
 Cur' levare vel moveri contingerint in Plit' deducere
 per sumōnic' attach' et districcōes scdm' Consuetudi-
 nem in Civitate nrā London usitat' Servient' ad cla-
 vam dcī Burgi pro tempore existen' dirigend' Et pro
 defcū Catall' et Terr' hujusmodi defenden' infra Bur-
 gum predict' ac limites bundas et limitates ejusdem ubi
 sive per que sumōnir' attach' vel dinstringi possint
 per attach' et capcōem Corporum suorum juxta Con-
 suetudines in dcā Civitate nrā London usitat' et Ac-
 cōes Querelas et Plita supradict' per consilia process'
 Consideracōes Judicia et Execucōes Judiciorum de-
 ducere et terminare per que consil' Plit' in dcā Civi-
 tate nrā London deducuntur et terminant' Execucōes-
 que process' et Judic' per predict' Servient' ad Cla-
 vam fiant et hēant Et qd' dict' Major Ball' et Bur-
 gens' dict' Burgi de Preston et Successores sui ad
 usum et profiquu' Cōitat' ejusdem Burgi hēant et per-

cipiant ac hēbunt et percipient et levabunt omiā Fines Amerciament' et alia proficua quecunque de et in cur' predict' provenien' emergen' acciden' seu contingen' ad usum et profiquu' dict' Burgi et Cōitat' ejusdem

CONCESSIMUS ECIAM ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per presentes Concedimus p̄fat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' dci Burgi de Preston qd' Major Ball' et Burgens' ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in eodem Burgo hēant imper'tuum Potestatem et Auctoritatem recipiend' quascunque Recognicōes inter Mercatorem et Mercatorem et Execucōem inde faciend' juxta formam Statut' Mercat' in Statut' de Acton Burnell nuper edit' et. qd' hēant nōiacōem Clici ac Sigilli ejusdem Statuti scdm' usum et ut nunc hūerunt et consueverunt

ET ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs Dedimus et Concessimus ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Damus et Concedimus p̄fat' Majori Ball' et Burgens' dict' burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis Vis' Franc' Pleg' omī et singulorum Inhitān' et Residen' tam integre residen' qm' non integre residen' infra dcm' Burgum de Preston et infra limites et bundas ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et de tempore in tēmpus imper'tuum ac omīa ad Vis' Franc' Pleg' pertinen' seu spectan' in predcā Coī Domo vocat' Le Tolebooth infra dcm' Burg de Preston aut alio loco convenient' ibidem bis per annu' tenend' eisdem diebus et temporibus quibus eis videbitur oportunu' et necessar' prout ab antiquo usitat' fuer' unacum omī-

bus Sumōnicōibus Attach' Arrestacōibus Exitibus
 Amerciament' Finibus Redempcōibus proficuis Co-
 moditatibus et aliis rebus' quibuscunque que inde ad
 nos Hered' seu Successores nr̄s ibidem quoquo modo
 pertinere possint et deberent

ET VOLUMUS ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered'
 et Suecessoribus nr̄s Concedimus p̄fat' Major' Ball'
 et Burgens' dict' Burgi de Preston et Successoribus
 suis Qd' iidem Major Ball' et Burgens' et Successores
 sui hēant et teneant ac hēre et tenere valeant et pos-
 sint imper'tuum unu' Mercat' quolt' die Sabat' sin-
 gulis Septimanis in dcō Burgo de Preston tenend'
 Ac duas Nundinas sive Férias ibidem annuatim te-
 nend' et custodiend' prout antehac usitat' fuerunt
 videlt' una dierum nundinarum sive Feriarum incipi-
 end' ad Assumpcōem Bē marie Virginis et per octo
 dies duratur' et alteram earundem Nundinarum sive
 Feriarum in Vigilia et in Festo Aplōrum Simonis et
 Jude et per quinque dies prox' sequen' unacum Car'
 predict' Pulverizat' ibidem tempore earundem Nun-
 dinarum sive Feriarum et Marcat' tenend' simul cum
 Stallagio Picagio Finibus Amerciament' ac om̄ibus
 aliis proficuis Comēditat' et Emolument' quibuscunque
 huiusmodi Mercat' Nundinis sive Feriis et Cur' predict'
 Pulverizat' pertinen' acciden' emergen' sive contin-
 gen' ac cum om̄ibus Lib'tatibus et libis Consuetud' ad
 huiusmodi Mercat' Nundinas sive Férias pretinen' sive
 spectan' ad propriu' opus et Usus ac utilitat' dict'
 Major' Ball' et Burgens' et Successorum suorum ac

Colat' dict' Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' capiend' et convertend'

ET VOLUMUS ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Ordinamus et Concedimus qd' dict' Burg' nr̄ de Preston ac Circuit' et procinct' ejusdem et Jurisdic' inde de cetero extendi et protend' ac extendere et protendere valeant et possint tam in longitudine et latitudine qm' in circuitu ad tales et consimiles ac hujusmodi bundas et metas et limites ad quales et quas ac prout dict' Burg' de Preston ac Circuit' et procinct' ejusdem ac Jurisdici' inde a tempore cujus contrarii memoria Hom' non existit extend' et proten' ac extendere et protendere consueverunt Et qd' bene licebit Majori Ball' et Burgens' dict' Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis de tempore in tempus preambulacōem seu preambulacōes inde facere pro vera et meliori cognicōe inde hēnd' tocienis quociens eis necessar' fieri videbitur Et hoc absque aliquo Warrant' perinde a nob' Hered' vel Successoribus nr̄is in hac parte impretand' seu proseguend'

ET ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nr̄a ac ex certa Sciencia et mero motu nr̄is Volumus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus prefat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predict' et Successoribus suis qd' ipi Burgum et Villam de Preston predict' cum omībus et singulis Membr' et partiū Accciam predict' Lib'tat' Consuetud' Privileg' Franchos Immunitates Exempciōes Quietan' et Jurisdiccōes superius recitat' sive specificat' necnon omīa et singula

eadem et hujusmodi Consuetudines' Lib'tat' Privileg' Franches' Imūnitates Quietan' Exemcōes et Jurisdiccōes que Burgens' dict' Burgi de Preston aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui per quecunque noīa sive quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporat' vel pretextu cujuscunque Corporacōis antehac l'time hūerunt tenuerunt vel gavisī fuerunt aut hēre tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt hūit tenuit usus vel gavisus fuit seu debuit rōne sive pretextu aliquarum Cartarum aut Lrārum Paten' per nos aut aliquem progenitorum nrōrum Regum hujus Regni Angl' quoquo modo antehac fact' confirmat' vel concess' seu quocunque alio legali modo jure consuetud' usu prescripcōe sive titulo antehac usitat' hit' et consuet' Ac qd' predict' Major Ball' et Burgens' predict' et 'Successores sui per nomen Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancastr' hēant et teneant utantur et gaudeant ac plene hēre uti et gaudere valeant et possint imper'tuum Burgum et Villam de Preston cum omib' et singulis suis membr' et pertin' imper'tuum de nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs sub reddit' et firma antiqua nob' debīt' et solvend' ante dat' Presenciu' necnon omib' talibus et hujusmodi Terr' Tent' Piscacōibus Lib'tatibus piscand' Hereditament' Consuetud' Lib'tatibus Coīs Privilegiis Franches' Imūnitatibus Exempcōibus Quietanc' et Jurisdiccōibus que et quibus Burgens' Ville de Preston aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui per quecunque noīa sive quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporacōem aut pretextu cujuscunque Incorporacōis antehac l'time hūerunt tenuerunt usi

vel gavisi fuerunt aut hēre tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt hūit tenuit usus vel gavisus fuit sive debuit rōne sive pretextu aliquarum Cartarum aut Lrārum Paten' per nos aut aliquem progenitorum nrōrum Regum hujus Regni nrī Angl' quoquo modo antehac fact' vel concess' seu confirmat' seu quocunque alio legal' modo jure seu consuetud' usu prescripcōe sive titulo antehac hit' seu usitat' vel consuet' HEND' tenend' et gaudend' tam Burgum et Villam de Preston predict' ac omiā predict' Terr' Tent' Piscacōes Consuetud' Lib'tates Coiās Privileg' Franches' Imūnitates Quietan' Jurisdiccōes ac cetera omiā premiss' cum suis per'tin prefat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predic' et Success' suis imper'tuum TENEND' de nob' Hered' et Success' nrīs per antiquam firmam superius spīficat' pro omībus aliīs Serviçiis Exaccōibus et Demaund' quibuscunque perinde nob' Hered' et Success' nrīs reddend' solvend' vel faciend' EO' QD' express' Mencō &c Aliquo Actu Statut' Ordinacōe seu provisione in contrariu' inde non obstan' IN CUJUS rei &c T. R. apud Villam Scī Albani xxiii die Augusti

PER BRE' DE PRIVATO SIGILLO

*This is a true Copy from the original
Record remaining in the Chapel of
the Rolls, having been examined.*

JOHN KIPLING.

*Undecima Pars Paten' de Anno Regni
Regis Caroli Sedī Quartodecimo*

REX OMIBUS' ad quos &c **SALTM CUM** Bur-
gus noster de Preston in Com' nrō Lancastr' est Bur-
gus antiquus ac Major' Ballivi et Burgens' ejusdem
Burgi per diversa separalia Nomina diversis Lib'tati-
bus Franchesiis Imūnitat' Consuetudinibus prehemi-
nenciis et aliis Hereditamentis hūerunt usi et gavisī
fuerunt ac hēnt utuntur et gaudent tam per diversas
Chartas et lrās Paten' diversorum progenitorum et
Antecessorum nrōrum nuper Regum et Reginarum
Angl' et aliorum qm' rōne diversarum Prescripcōnum
et Consuetudinum a tempore cujus contrarii Memoria
Hominu' non existit in eodem Burgo usitat' hnt' et ap-
probat' **CUMQUE** dīlci Subditi nrī modo Major' Bal-
livi et Burgenses Burgi illius nob' humilime supplica-
verunt quatenus nos pro meliori Regimine et Melior-
acōe ejusdem Burgi Graciam et Munificenciam nrām
Regiam eisdem Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi
predcī in hac parte gratiose exhibere et extendere vo-
lumus Quodque nos dcōs Majorem Ballivos et Burgen-
ses dcī Burgi per qd'cunque Nomen seu quecunque
Nomina antehac incorporati fuerunt sive utrum ante-
hac incorporati fuerunt necne in unum Corpus corpo-
ratum et politicum per Nōen Majoris Ballivorum et
Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' nrō Lancastr'

pet hās nrās Paten' facere redigere constituere confirmare seu de novo creare dignaremur cum talibus Addicōibus et Alteracōibus Lib'tatum Privilegiorum Imūnitatum et Franchiesiarum ejusdem Burgi et in talibus modo et forma qual' pro meliori Regimine et Melioracōe Burgi illius nob' videbitur expedire

NOS IGITUR Premissa perpendentes ac volentes qd' de cetero unus certus et indubitatus modus in eodem Burgo nrō de et pro Custodia Pacis nrē ac Regimine et Gub'nacōe Populi nrī ibm continue hēatur et ut Burgus ille perpetuis futuris temporibus sit et permaneant Burgus Pacis et Quietis ad Formidinem et Terrorem Malorum et in proteccōem et premiu' Bonorum Ac eciam ut Pax nrā cetera Fcā Justicie absque ulteriori Dilacōis Diffugio ibm custodiri et fieri valeant de Grā nrā spīali ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs VOLUIMUS ORDINAVIMUS CONSTITUIMUS & CONCESSIMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs VOLUMUS ORDINAMUS CONSTITUIMUS CONCEDIMUS & DECLARAMUS qd' predict' Burgus nr' de Preston sit et permaneant de cetero imper'tuum Liber Burgus Et qd' Burgus ille ac Major Ballivi Burgenses et Cōitas ejusdem Burgi sint et permaneant incorporati in Re Fcō et Nomine imper'tuum de uno Majore duobus Ballivis et viginī quatuor Capitalibus Burgensibus per Nōem Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' nrō Lancastrie Et qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi illius sint de cetero una Cōitas et unum Corpus incorporatum et

politicum in Re Fcō et Nomine imper'tuum per Nōen Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' nrō Lancastr' Et quod Major Ballivi et Burgenses ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et Successor' sui de cetero imper'tuum sint et erunt unum Corpus Corporatum et una Cōitas perpetua in Re Fcō et Nomine hēantque successionem perpetuam Ipsosque Majorem Ballivos et Burgenses Burgi illius unam Cōitatem et unu' Corpus corporatum et politicum realiter et ad plēnum Creamus Erigimus Ordinamus Facimus Constituimus Confirmamus Declaramus et Incorporamus per presentes

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus' nrīs Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi illius et Successoribus suis Qd' ipī et Successor' sui per Nōen Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancastr' plītare et implītari sectare et prosequi ac defendere et defendi respondere et responderi valeant et possint in omībus Curiis et Locis nrīs Heredum et Successorum nrōrum ac in aliis Cur' et Locis quibuscunque tam infra hoc Regnu' nrm' Angl' qm' alibi infra alia Dominia nrā quecunque existen' tam in omībus et singulis Exaccōibus sectis Querelis Causis et Demandis realibus personalibus seu mixtis qm' in omībus et singul' aliis Causis Negotiis et Materiis quibuscunque Quodque iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi predci et Successor' sui hēant et hēbunt unum Cōe Sigillum pro omībus Causis et Negotiis suis agend' et tractand' et qd' bene liceat

et licebit eis et Successoribus suis Sigillum illud ad libitum suu' frangere mutare et de novo facere .

AC ULTERIUS qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses et Successores sui per Nōen Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancastr' sint et erunt persone habiles et in Lege capaces ad perquirend' recipiend' hēnd' et capiend' eis et Successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate vel pro Termino Vite vel Vitarum vel Annorum seu aliter Dominia Maneria Terras Tentā Reddūs Revercōnes Hereditamen' Lib'tates Franchlesias Jura Jurisdiccōes et Privilegia quecunque ac eciam Bona et Catalla ac omēs alias Res cujuscunque fuerint Generis Nature Speciei seu Qualitatis necnon ad dand' concedend' dimittend' et assignand' eadem Dominia Maneria Terras Tentā Hereditamen' Bona et Catalla ac omia alia Fcā et Res faciend' et exequend' per Nōen predcm'

AC ECIAM VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes CONCEDIMUS & CONFIRMAMUS prefatis Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis qd' de cetero imper'tuum sit et erit in Burgo predcō unus de magis probioribus et discrecioribus Viris Burgi illius in forma inferius in his presentibus mencōnat' de tempore in tempus eligend' qui erit et vocabitur Major' Burgi illius Quodque similiter sint et erunt infra Burgum illum duo alii de magis probioribus et discrecioribus Viris ejusdem Burgi in forma inferius sīliter mencōnat' de tempore in tempus eligend' qui erunt et nomina-

buntur Ballivi Burgi illius videlt' unus eorum Le Towne Bayly et alter eorum Le Maiors Bayly (ut perantea usitat' fuerit) Qd'que siliter sint et erunt infra Burgum predict' viginti quatuor Hōies de discrecioribus et probioribus Viris dcī Burgi de Preston qui erunt assistentes et auxiliantes dcis Majori et Ballivis ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in Causis et Materiis eundem Burgum tangent' et qui erunt et vocabuntur Capitales Burgenses ejusdem Burgi et erunt Comūne Consiliu' dcī Burgi pro Statutis Actibus et Ordinacōibus publicam utilitatem et commodum ejusdem Burgi et Inhātancium inde pro tempore existen' tangent' et concernen' per eos seu per majorem partem eorumdem cum Majore Burgi illius pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus faciend' et agend' pro meliori Gub'nacōe et Regimine Hominu' et Causarum Rerum et Negociorum dcī Burgi pro tempore existen'

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes CONCEDIMUS & CONFIRMAMUS pefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predict' et Successoribus suis qd' ipi et Successores sui per eōrum Comūne Consilium vel majorem partem eōrumdem pro tempore existent' hēant et hēbunt plenam Authoritatem Potestatem et Facultatem condendi constituendi ordinandi faciendi et stabiliendi de tempore in tempus tal' et hūmōi Leges Instituta Jura Ordinacōes et Constitucōes qual' et que eis sive eōrum Parti majori pro tempore existen' bona salubria utilia honesta et necessaria juxta eorum sanas Discrecōes fore videbitur

pro bonis Regimine et Gub'nacōe Majoris Ballivorum et Capitalium Burgensium ac omīu' aliorum Burgensium et Inhabitantium Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' ac pro declaracōe quo modo et ordine predict' Major Ballivi Capitales Burgenses et ceteri omēs et singuli Ministri Officiarii Artifices Inhabitantes et Residentes Burgi illius in Officiis Funccōibus Mīstriis Artific' et Negociis suis infra Burgum predict' ac Lib'tates ejusdem pro tempore existen' sese hēbunt et gerent et utantur ac aliter pro ulteriori bona et publica utilitate et bono regimine Burgi illius ac vic-tualacōe ejusdem ac eciam' pro meliori preservacōe gub'nacōe disposicōe locacōe et dimissione Terrarum Tētorum Possessionu' Revencōnu' et Hereditamen' Burgi illius seu pifat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus ejusdem Burgi et Successoribus suis dat' concess' seu assignat' aut imposterum concedend' dand' vel assignand' ac omīum aliarum Rerum et Causarum quarum-cunque Burgum predcm' aut Statuta Jura et Interesse ejusdem Burgi tangen' seu aliquo modo concernen' Quodque Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi predcī et Successores sui per eorum Comunē Concilium Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' vel eorum majorem partem quociescunque hūmōi Leges Instituta Jura Ordinacōes et Constitucōes condiderint fecerint ordinaverint et stabiliverint in forma predcā hūmōi et tales Penas Punicōes et Penalitates per imprisonment Corporis vel per Fines et Amerciamenta vel per eorum utrumque erga et super omēs Delinquentes contra hūmōi Leges Instituta Jura Ordinacōes et Consti-

tucões sive eorum aliquod sive aliqua quales et que eisd' Majori et Communi Consilio pro tempore existen' sive eorum majori Parti necessar' et requisit' pro observacõe predcãrum Legum Ordinacõnu' et Constitucõnu' melius fore videbitur facere ordinare limitare et providere ac eadem Fines et Amerciamen' levare et hẽre possint et valeant absque Impedimen' nrõ Hered' vel Succõrum nrõrum Que omia et singula Leges Ordinacões Constitucões Jura et Instituta sic ut prefertur faciend' observari volumus sub Penis in eisdem continend' Ita tamen qd' Leges Ordinacões Instituta et Constitucões hũmõi non sint repugnant' nec contraria sed consentanea Legibus et Statutis Regni nrĩ Anglie et pro meliori execucõe earumdem Voluntat' et Concessionu nrãrum in hac Parte Assignavimus Nominavimus Constituimus et Fecimus ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Assignamus Noiāmus Constituimus et Facimus dīlcm nob' Jacobum Hodgkinson Burgensem Burgi predcī fore et esse primum et modernum Majorem Burgi predcī Volentes qd' idem Jacobus Hodgkinson in Officio Majoris Burgi predcī erit et continuabit a Dat' presenciu' usque ad Festum scī Wilfrī Archiepī prox' futur' et de eodem Festo quousque alios Burgenses Burgi predcī ad et in Officiu' illud prefect' et jurat' fuerit juxta Ordinacões et provisiones in presentibus inferius express' et spīficat' si idem Jacobus Hodgkinson tam diu vixerit

ASSIGNAMIVUS ECIAM Noiavimus et Constituimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successo-

ribus nr̄is Assignamus Noiāmus Constituimus et Faci-
mus dīlcōs nob' Ricm Hodgkinson et Jacobum Abbott
Inhītañtes Burgi predcī fore et esse primos et mo-
dernos Ballivos dci Burgi Et qd' ipī in Officio Balli-
vorum ejusdem Burgi erunt et permanebunt a Dat'
presencium usque ad predcm' Festum Scī Wilfridi
Archiepī extunc prox' sequen' et ab eodem Feste
quousq̄e alii Burgenses Burgi predcī ad et in Officiu'
illud prefect' et jurat' fuerint juxta Ordinacōes et pro-
visiones in Presentibus inferius express' et spīficat' si
iidem Ricus Hodgkinson et Jacobus Abbott tam diu
vixerint

NECNON ASSIGNAVIMUS Noiāvimus Fecimus
et Constituimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Heredi-
bus et Successoribus nr̄is ASSIGNAMUS Noiāmus
Ordinamus Constituimus et Facimus dīlcōs nob'
Willm' Banister Willm' Turner Lucam Hodgkinson
Seth Blackhurst Willm' Lemon Willm' Hodgkinson
Thomam Martin Laurenciu' Wall Thomam Werdon
Seniorem Thomam Rishton Silvestrum Ingham Senio-
rem et Willm' Werdon Seniorem Inhītañtes dci Burgi
fore et esse duodecim Capitales Burgenses ejusdem
Burgi

AC VOLŪMUS et pro nob' Hered' et Successori-
bus nr̄is CONCEDIMUS p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et
Burgensibus Burgi illius et Successoribus suis per pre-
sentes qd' bene liceat et licebit Majori Burgi predcī
pro tempore existen' et predict' Capit'libus Burgensi-
bus ejusdem Burgi superius noiāt' et majori Parti
eorum (quorum Majorem ejusdem Burgi pro tempore

existen' unum esse volumus) vigore presenciam noiare
 et eligere duodecim alios de probioribus et discrecioni-
 bus Viris Inhabitibus Burgi illius fore et esse una-
 cum predict' duodecim personis ultimo superius noiat'
 Capitales Burgenses ejusdem Burgi Quequidem duo-
 decim persone ultimo superius noiat' et duodecim
 alie persone in forma predict' noïand' et eligend'
 sint et erunt ac vigore presencium fcī et constituti
 sunt primos viginti quatuor Capitales Burgenses Burgi
 nrī de Preston predict ET VOLUMUS qd' ipī et
 eorum quilt' et quelt' alia persona in Officium illud
 vigore presencium imposterum noiat' et elect' noïand'
 et eligend' post Sacrm' suum in hac Parte debte et
 scdm' Tenorem presencium respice prestitum sint
 erunt et continuabunt Capitales Burgenses Burgi illius
 pro et durant' Vitis suis nrālibus et Vita nrāli eorum
 cujuslt' respice nisi interim pro mala gestura sua
 in Officio illo seu pro aliqua alia racōnabili Causa
 abinde amovetur seu eorum aliquis amovetur per Ma-
 jorem et Residuum Capitalium Burgensium Burgi illius
 vel majorem partem eorum pro tempore existen' Quos
 quidem Capitales Burgenses Burgi illius superius noiat'
 aut imposterum vigore presencium eligend' et eorum
 aliquos seu aliquem in hūmōi Casu et Casubus amo-
 biles et in forma predict' amovend' esse volumus

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ET STATUIMUS
 per presentes qd' omēs Capital' Burgenses Burgi
 precdi superius noiat' seu imposterum vigore pre-
 sencium noïand' et eligend' antequam' in Officio illo Ca-
 pital' Burgens' Burgi illius aliquialiter intromittant Sa-

erā sua corporalia super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' ad Officiu' illud in omibus juxta deb'tm ejusdem Officii bene et fideliter exequend' prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit (Cui quidem Majori pro tempore existen' ad hūmōi Sacrā dand' et administrand' tam Capitalibus Burgensibus predict' qm' omibus et cuilt' al' persone et personis in Officium Capital' Burgens' ejusdem Burgi vigore Presencium imposterum nōiand' aut eligend' plenam Potestatem et Authoritatem Damus et Concedimus per Presentes

AC ULTERIUS VOLUMUS qd' Capitales Burgenses Burgi nrī de Preston predict' pro tempore existen' unacum Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' sint et erunt Comūne Consilium Burgi illius Ac ipōs predict' Capitales Burgenses Burgi nrī de Preston predict' pro tempore existent' una cum Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' Comūne Consilium Burgi illius pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Facimus Creamus Constituimus et Declaramus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per presentes Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predci et Successoribus suis Qd' Major dcī Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' sit et erit Clericus Mercati dcī Burgi ac Lib'tat' et precinct' ejusdem Et qd' nullus alius Clericus Mercati nrī aut Hered' nrōrum ibm in hmōi Officio in aliquo se intromittat nisi in presencia nrā Hered' vel Successorum nrōrum Et qd' Major

dcī Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' de cetero sit et erit Coronator nr' infra eundem Burgum ac Lib'tat' et precinct' ejusdem ad omīa et singula ibm que ad Officiu' Coronatoris infra aliquos Cōmtatus hujus Regni nrī Anglie per Leges et Statuta ejusdem Regni pertinent seu pertinere debent faciend' et exercend' Et qd' nullus alius Coronator nrī aut Hered' vel Successorum nrōrum ibm in hūmōi Officio in aliquo se intromittat

CONCESSIMUS INSUPER ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis Qd' Major ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' duran' tempore quo ipe in Officio suo Majoris Burgi illius fore contigerit sit Justiciar' nrī Hered' et Successorum nrōrum ad Pacem nrām Hered' et Successorum nrōrum infra Burgum predcm' conservand' ac plēnariam hēat et hēbit Potestatem et Authoritatem ad Pacem nrām Hered' et Successorum nrōrum ibm conservand' et ad omīa alia ibm faciend' et exequend' que ad Justic' Pacis nrē aut Hered' seu Successorum nrōrum in aliquo Comitatu nrō Anglie pertinent faciend' et exequend' pro bono Pacis nrē Hered' et Successorum nrōrum ac Quieta Regimine et sana Gub'nacōe Poplī nrī Hered' et Successorum nrōrum in omībus et singulis suis Articulis infra Burgum predcm' juxta Vim Formam et Eff'cm Statutorum et Ordinacōnum in ea parte edit' custodiend' et custodiri faciend' et ad omēs illos quos contra Vim Formam et Eff'cm Statutorum

et Ordinacōnum illorum invenerit facientes sive delinquentes scdm' Statut' et Ordinocōes illas ac Legem Terre nrē punire faciend' ac ea omīa et singula audiend' et determinand' scdm' Leges et Consuetudines Regni nrī Anglie adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Justiciar' Pacis in dcō Com' nrō Lancast' seu alibi infra Regnu' nrm' Anglie ante hec tempora hūerunt vel exercuerunt seu littime hēre seu exercere poterint in futurū extra Burgum predcm' et Lib'tates ejusdem

ET ULTERIUS de ubiori grā nrā **VOLUMUS** ac ex certa sciencia et mero Motu nrīs pro nob' Heredibus et Successoribus nrīs per presentes concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis Qd' quedam Domus infra dcm' Burgum vulgariter nuncupat' Le Tole Bothe als' Le Mote Hall sit et erit Comūnis Aula et Domus dcōrum Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi predcī et Successorum suorum imper'tuum tam ad Convencōes et Congregacōes suas in eadem faciend' qm' ad omīa et omīod' Curias Plita Causas Materias Consilia et Negocia sua quecunque ibm de tempore in tempus tenend' et tractand'

AC ECIAM de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et meo Motu nrīs pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per presentes **CONCEDIMUS** prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' ipī sive major pars eorum pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus in quolt' Anno de cetero imper'tuum in Hebdomada prox'

ante predcm' Festum Scī Wilfrī Archiepi conveniant et convenire valeant et possint in predict' Aula et Domo aut in aliquo al' Loco convenien' infra Burgum predcm' et ibm due persone de discreciis et magis probioribus Inhabitibus dci Burgi per eos prout antehac usitat' fuerit eligend' et noīand' (viz') una per Majorem et altera per Capital' Burgenses ejusdem Burgi adtunc ibm presentes Sacra sua corporaliter prestabunt coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' qd' illi cum festinacōe convenien' elegerint et noīabunt viginta et quatuor de aliis discreciis et magis probioribus Burgensibus inhabitibus infra Burgum predcm' ad eligend' et noīand' novum Majorem novum Ballivum vocat' Le Towne Baylye et novum Servientem vocat' The Towne Serjeant Que quidem viginti quatuor persone postquam sic noīat' et elect' fuerint Sacra sua corporalia prestabunt coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' qd' illi cum expedicōe convenienti eligent et noīabunt talem discretam personam existen' Burgens' Burgi predci' ac inhabitant' in eodem qualem eis videbitur magis convenien' pro comoditat' Burgi predci' ac pro manutencōe et conservacōe Lib'tat' ejusdem fore et esse Majorem dci Burgi ac unam aliam idoneam personam existen' Burgensem ejusdem Burgi ac inhabitantem infra eundem seu Lib'tates ejusdem qualem eis magis convenien' videbitur fore et esse Ballivum dci Burgi vocat' Le Towne Bayly necnon talem aliam discretam et idoneam personam existen' Burgensem dci Burgi et inhabitantem infra Limites ejus-

dem qualem eis necessar' et convenien' videbitur fore et esse Servientem vocat' The Towne Serjeant in Burgo predcō Et si predict' viginti quatuor Hoies in eleccōe sua predcā consentire et in unu' agreare non possint tunc volumus qd' eleccō et consentacio majoris partis eorundem capiat effcm' prout antehac usitat' fuerint (Cui quidem Majori Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' ad Sācra predcā separalibus personis predcīs de tempore in tempus respicive dand' et administrand' plenam Authoritatem et Potestatem damus et concedimus per presentes) Qui quidem Hoies sic ad separalia Officia Majoris Ballivi et servientis elect' sive eligend' anteqm' ad Officia illa separaliter exercend' admittantur Sacrā sua corporalia ad Officia illa bene et fideliter exequend' in forma inferius in hiis presentibus spīcat' separaliter prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit Et post hūmōi Sacrā sic separaliter prestit' Officia illa pro uno Anno integro tunc prox' sequen' separaliter exequi valeant et possint

ET INSUPER VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus per presentes prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successor' suis qd' si contingat Majorem Burgi predcī aliquo tempore infra unum Annum postqm' ad Offic' Majoris Burgi predcī ut prefertur prefect' et jurat' fuerit obire vel ab Officio suo amoveri durant' tempore quo sit Major ejusdem Burgi (quem quidem Majorem Burgi illius pro tempore existen' pro mala gestura sua in Officio illo seu pro aliqua alia racōnabili Causa per Capitales Burgenses Burgi illius vel majo-

rem partem eorum pro tempore existen' amobilem esse volumus quod tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit predict' Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' sive majori Parti eorundem convenire in dcō Domo aut Loco aut alio Loco convenien' infra Burgum predcm' ad certum Diem prefixum sive prefigend' infra octo Dies proxim' sequent' Mortem aut Amocōem hūmōi Majoris et ibm eligere nōiare et assignare valeant et possint unum de seipsis in Majorum Burgi predcī Et qd' ille sic electus et prefectus Officium illud hēat et exerceat durante residuo ejusdem Anni (Sacram' corporali in forma inferius spīcat' prius prestand') Et sic tociens quociens Casus sic acciderit

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis Qd' quel' persona Burgi predcī ad Officiu' Majoris Burgi predcī imposterum elect' separalia Sacrā capiet et prestabit corporalia super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram ultimo Predecessore suo in eodem Officio si idem Predecessor superstes sit et tunc presens fuerit Et si idem Predecessor suus adtunc mortuus vel absens fuerit tunc coram Ballivis et Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' vel major' parte eorum tunc ibm presentibus tam pro fideli executōe Officii et Officiorum Majoris et Clici Mercati et Coronatoris nrī Burgi illius qm' Officii Justiciarii Pacis nrē Hered' et Successorum nrōrum infra Burgum ill' conservand' cui quidem Predecessori in Officio Majoris Burgi illius et quibus quidem Ballivis et Capitalibus

Burgensibus ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et majori parti eorum ad hūmōi Sacra' cuilt' persone in Officium Majoris Burgi illius imposterum in forma predcā elect' sive eligend' de tempore in tempus dand' et administrand' plenam Authoritatem et Potestatem Damus et Concedimus per presentes

AC ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus et Confirmamus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' quociuncque et quandocunque contigerit Ballivum vocat le Towne Bayly et Servien' dcī Burgi vocat' le Towne Serjeant vel eorum alterum obire infra unum Annum postqm' ad Officia illa Ballivi et Servient' ut prefertur prefci et jurati fuerint vel fuerit vel infra tempus illud ab Officiis illis seu eorum altero respcive amoveri qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Majori dcī Burgi et Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi illius (existen' Cōi' Consilio ejusdem Burgi) sive majori parti eorundem pro tempore existen' alium vel alios Inhītantes Burgi predcī in loco vel locis ipīus vel ipōrum sic morientis vel amoti moriencium vel amotorum existen' infra octo Dies respcive tunc prox' sequen' eligere et preficere modo et forma suprascript' Et qd' ipē vel ipī sic elect' et prefect' Officium sive Officia ill' ad qd' vel que sic elect' nōiat' et prefect' respcive fuerint vel fuerit hēant et exerceant hēat et exerceat duran' residuo ejusdem Anni Et hoc tocies quociens casus sic acciderit

ET VOLUMUS qd' omēs et quel't' persona et per-

sone in hūmōi Officium sive Officia ultimo predict' imposterum elect' nōiat' aut prefect' anteqm' in Officio sive Officiis illis aliqualliter intromittant seu intromittat Sacrm' suum' Corporale super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram Majore Burgi predcī pro tempore existent' pro deb'ta execucōe Officii sive Officiorum illorum respicive prestabunt et eorū quilt' prestabit Cui quidem Majori pro tempore existen' ad hūmōi Sacrm' in forma predict' de tempore in tempus dand' et administrand' plenam Potestatem et Authoritat' damus et concedimus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi et Successor' suis qd' Major ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus quandocunque ei placuerit nōiabit eleget et constituet unam honestam et idoneam personam existen' Burgensem et Inhīntem infra Burgum predcm' fore et supportare Officium Ballivi vocat' The Mayors Baylye qmdiu' idem Major in Officio suo fuerit vel permanebit ad ea omia faciend' que ad hūmōi Officium Ballivi pertinent Necnon qd' predict' Major pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus quandocunque ei placuerit nōiabit eliget et constituet unam al' idoneam personam Burgensem et Inhīntem infra Burgum predcm' fore et supportare Officium Subballivi vocat' The Serjeant att Mace vel Le Maiors Serjeant qmdiu' idem Major in Officio suo fuerit vel qmdiu' ei placuerit pro proclamacōibus Arestacōibus proces' Execucoibus et aliis

Rebus Officio suo pertinen' infra dcm' Burgum et Limites Bundas et precinctus ejusdem faciend' peragend' et exequend' in consiliis modo et forma prout Servientes ad Clavam in Civitate nrā London' faciant et exequantur Quodque idem Serviens ad Clavam sic noiat' constitut' et elect' possit et valeat portare unam Clavam Armis nrīs sculpt' infra Limites et Bundas dcī Burgi duran' tempore quo ipē in Officio illo fuerit Et qd' quel' persona tam ad Officium Ballivi vocat' The Maiors Bayly qm' ad Officium Servientis ad Clavam infra Burgum predcm' noiat' et elect' noiand' et eligend' Sacrm' capiat et prestat corporale coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' ad Officium suum bene et fideliter exequend' et exercend' Cui quidem Majori Burgi illius pro tempore existen' ad hūmōi Sacrm' in forma predict' de tempore in tempus dand' et adminstrand' plenam Potestatem et Authoritat' damus et Concedimus per Presentes

ET INSUPER VOLUMUS ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs quantum in nob' est CONCEDIMUS ET CONFIRMAMUS p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et eorum Successoribus qd' si aliquis vel aliqui qui ad Officia Majoris Ballivi vocat' The Towne Baylye et Servien' vocat' The Towne Serjeant vel ad aliqua alia Officia inferiora Burgi predcī sive eorum aliquod sive aliqua imposterum electi et noiat' fuerint vel elctus' et noiātus fuerit hēns sive hēntes resp̄cive Noticiam sive Cognicōem de hūmōi Elec-

cōe et Noīacōe Eleccōibus sive Nōiacōibus recusaverint et renuerint recusaverit vel renuerit acceptare vel exercere Officium vel Officia ad qd' vel que ipē vel ipī sic recusan' vel renuen' elect' vel noīat' fuerint vel fuerit qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Majori et Capitalibus Burgensibus de Cōi Consilio Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' vel majori parti eorumdem ipm vel ipōs sic recusan' et renuen' recusant' et renuent' acceptare vel exercere Officium illud vel Officia illa ad qd' vel que ipē vel ipī sic elect' et noīat' fuerint vel fuerit comittere Prisone in Burgo predcō ibm remansur' quousque Officium illud vel Officia illa acceptare vel exercere velit et velint Ac eciam tal' Fines et Amerciamenta super hūmoi personam et personas sic recusantem vel recusantes ponere et taxare qual' per eosdem Majorem et Capitales Burgenses pro tempore existen' vel eorum majorem partem racōnabil' fore videbitur ac ipm vel ipōs sic recusan' vel recusantes Prisone predict' comittere ac ibm retinere quousque Fines et Amerciamenta illa ad Usum Burgi predcī solvat seu solvi faciat solvant seu solvi faciant

ET ULTERUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs pefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi et Successoribus suis Ordinamus et Concedimus qd' quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de predict' viginti quatuor Capitalibus Burgensibus pro tempore existen' obire vel a Loco suo Capital' Burgens' amoveri qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Majori et al' Capital' Burgensibus Burgi predcī adtunc supervivent' vel rema-

nen' (existen' Cōi Consilio Burgi illius pro tempore existen') ac majori parti eorumdem alium vel plures alios de Burgensibus Burgi predcī in locum vel loca hūmōi Capital' Burgens' vel Capitalium Burgensium sic obire vel amoveri contingen' eligere nōiare et preficere Quodque ille vel illi elcūs et prefectus electi et perfecti (prestato prius coram Majore Burgi predcī Sacro Corporali ad Officiu' illud debtē exequend') erit et erunt de numero predcōrum Viginti quatuor Capital' Burgensium Burgi predcī Et hoc tociens quociens Casus sic acciderit

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes Ordinamus et Stabilimus qd' predict' modernus Major Burgi predcī superius nōiat' anteqm' ipe in predcis' separalibus Officiis Majoris Clici Mercati Coronatoris et Justiciarii Pacis nrī Burgi illius seu eorum aliquo aliquialiter agit seu intromittat separalia Sacra sua corporalia super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram dilcis Subditis nrīs Georgio Middleton milite et Rogero Bradshaw Milite seu eorum altero ad separalia Officia illa bene et fideliter in omībus juxta deb'tm Officiorum illorum respicive exequend' prestabit Ac siliter qd' predcī moderni Ballivi Burgi predcī superius nōiat' anteqm' ipi in Officio vel Officiis suis Ballivi aut Ballivorum Burgi illius aliquialiter agunt seu intromittant Sacrm' suum corporale super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram pefat' dilcis subdit' nrīs Georgio Middleton et Rogero Bradshaw seu eorum altero ad Officium et Officia sua predca' bene et fideliter in omībus juxta Debm' Officii et Officiorum illorum

respēve exequend' prestabunt et eorum alter prestabit Quibus quidem Georgio Middleton et Rogero Bradshaw et eorum alteri ad separalia Sacrā predcā tam p̄fat' moderno Majori qm' p̄fat' modernis Ballivis in forma predict' dand' et administrand' plenam potestatem et Authoritatem damus et concedimus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄s Ordinamus et firmiter injungend' precipimus qd' Major Ballivi et Capitales Burgenses Burgi predcī et omēs alii Officiarii et Ministri Burgi illius et eorum Deputati necnon quilt' Justiciar' ad Pacem nr̄am Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum infra Burgum illum conservandam aut per has Lr̄as nr̄as Paten' modo nōiat' appunctuat' sive constitut' seu virtute aut scdm' tenorem earumdem Lr̄arum nr̄arum Paten' imposterum nōiand' eligend' seu constituend' antequam īpi ad executōem sive Exercitium Officii seu Officiorum Loci vel Locorum cui vel quibus sic ut p̄fertur respēve nōiat' appunctuat' sive constitut' modo existunt aut imposterum in forma predict' nōiat' elect' sive constitut' fuerint admittantur aut aliquo modo in ea parte intromittant tam Sacrm' corporale Anglice cōiter vocat' The Oath of Obedience qm' Sacrm' corporale Anglice cōiter vocat' The Oath of Supremacy super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit coram tali persone sive tlibus personis qual' et que ad hūmōi Sacrā dand' et prestand' per Leges et Statuta hujus

Regni nr̄i Anglie ad presens appunctuantur et designantur aut imposter' appunctuat' vel designat' fuerint

ET ULTERIUS CONCESSIMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus et Confirmamus p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dc̄i Burgi de Preston et Suocessor' suis qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses et Successores sui h̄ant Guildam Mercatoriam in Burgo p̄dcō cum om̄ibus Lib'tatibus et lib̄is Consuetudinibus ad hūmōi Guildam pertinen' prout antehac usi fuerint

ET INSUPER VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dc̄i Burgi de Preston et Successor' suis qd' h̄ant et h̄bunt infra eundem Burgum de Preston ac Bundas et Lib'tates ejusdem Asissam et Apsaiam Panis Vini et Cervisie ac aliorum Victualium necnon Ulnagium et Sigillacōem om̄' Pannorum Ponderum et Mensurarum quorumcunque ac Emendacōem et Correccōem inde ac om̄' aliorum ad Officium Cl̄ici Mercati nr̄i vel Hered' nr̄orum spectan' sive pertinen' unacum Punicōibus et Correccōibus eorundem et quicquid quod ad Officiu' illud pertinet' faciend' seu exercend' quociens et quando expediens et necesse fuerit Ac qd' h̄ant et h̄bunt omes Fines et Redempcōes et Amerciamenta ac om̄ia alia proficua inde pervenien' ad usum et proficua dc̄i Burgi et Comitatus ejusdem

ET ULTERIUS de ub̄iori Grā nr̄a Volumus ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dc̄i Burgi de

Preston et Successor' suis qd' ipi et Successores sui hēant et teneant-ac hēre et tenere valeant et possint unam Curiam in dict' Domo vocat' Le Mote Hall aut alio Loco in eodem Burgo magis convenien' coram Majore Ballivis et Seneschallo ejusdem Burgi qual' tertia Septiman' Die Veneris tenend imper'tuum Et qd' hēant in ead' Cur' plenam Potestatem et Autoritat' audiend' et determinand' per Querelas in eadem levand' de omibus et omiod' Debtis Compotis Convencōibus et Contractibus Transgressionibus vi et Armis seu aliter in contemptum nrm' vel Hered' et Successorum nrōrum fcīs Convencōibus Detencōibus Contemptibus Decepcōibus Vetite-Namiis et aliis Rebus et Accōibus personalibus quibuscunque infra dcm' Burgum de Preston ac Bundas et Limites ejusdem quovismodo emergent' seu emergend' sive contingen' seu contingend' Et qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Seneschallus et Successores sui pro hūmōi Queremoniis Plitis Querelis et Accōibus hēant plenam Potestatem Autoritatem et Facultatem personas defenden' versus quas hūmōi Quereles Plita sive Aocōes in predict' Curia levare et moveri contingerint in plitm reducere per Sumōnicōes Attachiamenta et Districcōes sodm' Consuetudinem in Civitat' nrā London' usitat' Servient' ad Clavam dci Burgi pro tempore existen' dirigend' Et pro defcu' Catallorum et Terrarum hūmōi Defenden' infra Burgum predcm' ac Limites Bundas et Lib'tates ejusdem ubi sive per que sumōneri attachiari vel distringi possint per Attachiamen' aut Capcōem Corporum suorum juxta Consuetudinem in

dcā Civitat' nrā London' usitat' Et Accōes Quereſas et Plīta supradcā per consilia processus Consideracōes Judicia et Execucōes Judiciorum deducere et terminare per que Consilia placit' in dcā Civitat nrā London' deducuntur et terminantur Execucōesque processuum et Judiciorum per predict' Servient' ad Clavam fiant et hēantur Et qd' dict' Major Ballivi et Burgenses dcī Burgi de Preston et Successores sui ad Usum et proficuū Cōitatis ejusdem Burgi hēant et percipiant et hēbunt et percipient et levabunt omīa Fines Amerciamenta et alia proficua quacunque de et in Curia predcā pervenien' emergent' acciden' seu contingen' ad Usum et proficuū dcī Burgi et Cōitatis ejusdem

CONCESSIMUS ECIAM ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successor' suis qd' Major Ballivi et Burgenses ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in eodem Burgo hēant imper'tuum Potestatem et Authoritatem recipiend' quascunque Recognicōes inter Mercatorem et Mercatorem et Execucōem inde faciend' juxta Forma' Statutorum Mercatorum et Statut' de Acton Burnell nuper edit' Et qd' hēant Noiācōem et Appunctuacōem Clici et Sigilli ejusdem Statuti scdm' usum et ut temporibus retroactis hūerunt et consueverunt Et ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs DEDIMUS ET CONCESSIMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs DAMUS ET CONCEDIMUS pre-

fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis Visum Franc' Pleg' omīum et singulorum Inhitancium et Residencium tam integre residencium qm' non integre residencium infra dcm' Burgum de Preston et infra limites et Bundas cjusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et de tempore in tempus imper'tuum ac omīa ad Visum Franc' Pleg' pertinen' seu spectan' in predict' Cōi Domo vocat' le Tole Boothe infra dcm' Burgum de Preston aut alio loco convenien' ibm bis per Annum tenend' eisdem Diebus et Temporibus quibus eis videbitur opportunum et necessarium prout ab antiquo usitat' fuerit unacum omībus Sumocōibus Attachiamēt' Arrestacōibus Exi-tibus Amerciamētis Finibus Redempcōibus proficuis Comōditatibus et al' Rebus quibuscunque que inde ad nos Hered' seu Successores nrōs ibm quoquo modo pertinere possint et debent ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs CON-CEDIMUS ET CONFIRMAMUS p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses et Successores sui hēant et teneant ac hēre et tenere valeant et possint imper'tuum unum Mercatum quolt' Die Sabbati singulis Septimanis in dcō Burgo de Preston tenend' Ac duas Nundinas sive Ferias ibm annuatim tenend' et custodiend' prout antehac usitat' fuerunt (viz) una dcārum Nundinarum sive Feriarum incipiend' ad Assumpcōem Btē Marie Virginis et per octo Dies duratur' et altera earumdem Nundinarum sive Feriarum in Vigilia et in Festo

Apostolorum Simonis et Jude et per quinque Dies prox' sequen' unacum Curia Ped' pulverizat' ibm tempore earundem Nundinarum sive Feriarum et Mercat' tenend' simul cum Stallagio Piccagio Finibus Amerciamentis ac omibus al' proficuis Comoditatibus et Emolumentis quibuscunque hūmōi Mercat' Nundinis sive Feriis et Curiis Pedis pulverizat' pertinen' acciden' emergen' sive contingen' ac cum omibus Lib'tatibus et Libīs Consuetudinibus ad hūmōi Mercat' Nundin' sive Férias pertinen' sive spectan' ad proprium Opus et Usus ac utilitatem dcōrum Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium et Successorum suorum ac Cōitatis dcī Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' capiend' et convertend'

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Heredibus' et Successoribus nrīs Ordinamus Confirmamus et Concedimus quod dcūs Burgus nr' de Preston ac circuit' et precinct' ejusdem et Jurisdiccō inde de cetero extendent et protendent ac extendere et protendere valeant et possint tam in longitudine et latitudine quam in circuitu ad tales et consiles et hūmōi Bundas Metas et Limites ad quales et quas ac prout dcūs Burgus de Preston ac Circuit' et precinct' ejusdem ac Jurisdiccō inde a tempore cujus contrarii Memoria Hominum non existit extenserunt pertenserunt ac extendere et pertendere consueverunt Et qd' bene licebit Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis de tempore in tempus Perambulacōem seu perambulacōes inde facere pro vera et meliori cognicōe inde hēnd' tociens quociens eis necessar'

fieri videbitur Et hoc absque aliquo warranto proinde a nob' Hered' vel Successoribus nris in hac Parte impetrand' seu prosequend' **ET ULTERIUS** de ampliori Grā nrā spiali ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nris **DEDIMUS** et **CONCESSIMUS** ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris **DAMUS** et **CONCEDIMUS** Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis Licenciam spialem libamque et licitam Potestatem Facultatem et Authoritatem hēnd' recipiend' et perquirend' sibi et Successoribus suis imper'tuum Maneria Messuagia Terras Tēnta Prata Pascuas Pasturas Boscos Subboscos Rcōrias Decimas Redditus Revencōes et al' Hereditamen' quecunque infra Regnum nrm' Anglie sive alibi infra Dominia nrā tam de nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris qm' de aliqua alia persona sive aliquibus aliis personis quibuscunque Dumōdo eadem Maneria Messuagia Terr' Tēnta Prata Pascua Pastur' Bosci Subbosci Rcōris Decime Redditus Revencōes Servicia et al' Hereditamenta sic ut prefertur per ipōs hēnd' perquirend' et recipiend' non extendant in toto clarum Anūum Redditum seu Valorem Ducentarum Librarum per Ann' ultra omia alia Onera et Reprisas Statut' de Terris et Tentis ad Manum mortuam non ponend' aut aliquo al' Statut' Actu Ordinacōe vel provisione antehac hit' fact' ordinat' sive provis' aut aliqua al' Re Causa vel Materia quacunque in contrariu' inde in aliquo non obstante **DAMUS ECIAM** ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris Concedimus cuicunque Subdito

nrō et quibusconque Subditis nrīs Hered' et Successorum nrōrum Licenciam spīalem libamque et licitam Potestatem Facultatem et Authoritatem qd' ipī et eorum aliquis sive aliqui Maneria Messuagia Terras Tentā Prata Pascua Pasturas Boscōs Subboscōs Rcōrias Decimas Reddītus Revencōes Servicīa et alia Hereditamenta quecunque p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi p̄dī et Successoribus suis dare vendere concedere legare et alienare possint et valeant Ita tamen qd' omīa p̄dict' Maneria Messuagia Terras Tentā Prata Pascua Pasture Bosci Subbosci Rcōrie Decime Reddūs Revencōes Servicīa et al' Hereditamenta sic ut p̄fertur eisdem Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi p̄dī et Successoribus suis virtutē presencium danda concēdenda vendenda leganda vel alienanda non exedunt in toto clarum Ann' Reddītum seu valorem Ducentarum Librarum per Ann' ultra omīa Onera et Reprisas Statut' de Terr' et Tēntis ad Manu' mortuum non ponend' aut aliqua alia Re Causa vel Materia antehac hīt fact' edit' ordinat' sive provis' in contrariu' inde in aliquo non obstan'

ET ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs VOLUMUS ac p̄r p̄sentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs concedimus et confirmamus p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Būrgensibus Burgi p̄dī et Successoribus suis qd' ipī Bur-gum et Villam de Preston p̄dict cum omīb' et singul' Membris et pertinenciis ac eciam p̄dict' Lib'tat' consuetud' Privileg' Franches' Imūnitates' Exempcōes

Quietancias et Jurisdiccões superius recitat' sive spī-
 ficat' necnon omīa et singula eadem et hūmōi Consuetud'
 Lib'tates Privilegia Franchlesias Imūnitates Quietancias
 Exempcōes et Jurisdiccōes que Burgenses sive Major
 Ballivi et Burgenses dcī Burgi de Preston aut eorum ali-
 quis vel aliqui per quecunque Noīa sive qd'cunque
 Nomen vel per qm'cunque Incorporacōem vel pre-
 textu cujuscunque Corporacōis antehac l'tīme hūerunt
 tenuerunt usi vel gavisī fuerunt aut hēre tenere uti vel
 gaudere debuerunt hūit tenuit usus vel gavisus fuit seu
 debuit rōne seu pretexto aliquarum Cartarum aut l'rarum
 Patencium per nos aut per aliquem progenitorum
 nrōrum Regum et Reginarum hujus Regni Anglie
 quoquomodo antehac fact' confirmat' vel conces' seu
 quocunque alio leglī Modo Jure Consuetudine Usu
 prescripcōe sive Titlō antehac usitat' hit' et consuet'
 Et qd' predcī Major Balliv et Burgenses Burgi illius
 et Successores sui per Noēn Majoris Ballivorum et
 Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancastrie
 hēant teneant utantur et gaudeant ac plene hēre te-
 nere uti et gaudere valeant et possint imper'tuum
 Burgum et Villam de Preston cum omībus et singulis
 suis Membris et pertinen' imper'tuum de nob' Hered'
 et Successoribus nrīs sub Redditu et Firma antiqua
 nob' debit' et solvend' ante Dat' presentium necnon
 omibus talibus et hūmōi Terris Tentīs Piscacoībus Lib'-
 tatibus piscandi Hereditamentis Consuetudinibus Lib'-
 tatibus Comuniis Privilegiis Franchesiis Imūnitatibus
 Exempcoībus Quietanciis et Juridiccōibus que et qui-
 bus Burgenses sive Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi
 sive Ville de Preston aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui per

quecunque Noīa sive qd'cunque Nomen vel per
qm'cunque Incorporacōem aut pretextu cujuscunque
Incorporacōis antehac littime hūerunt tenuerunt usi
vel gavisī fuerunt aut hēre tenere uti vel gaudere de-
buerunt hūit tenuit usus vel gavisus fuit sive debuit
ronē siye pretextu aliquarum Cartarum aut Lrārū
Patencium per nos aut aliquem progenitorum nrōrum
Regum et Reginarū hujus Regni nrī Anglie quo-
quomodo antehac fact' vel conces' seu confirmat aut
quocunque alio leglī modo jure seu consuetudines Usu
prescripcōe sive Titlō antehac hit' seu usitat' vel con-
suet HEND' TENEND' et GAUDEND' tam Burgum
et Villam de Preston predcos ac omīa predcā Terras Ten-
tā Piscacōes Consuetudines Lib'tates Coiās Privilegia
Franchiesias Imūnitates Quietancias Jurisdiccōes ac ce-
tera omīa premissa cum suis pertinenciis prefat' Majori
Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus
suis imper'tuum TENEND' de nob' Hered' et Suc-
cessoribus nrīs per antiqm' Firmam superius spīcat'
pro omībus aliis Serviiciis Exaccōibus et Demandis
quibuscunque proinde nob' Hered' et Successoribus
nrīs reddend' solvend' vel faciend' proviso semp' ac
VOLUMUS et per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Suc-
cessoribus nrīs Ordinamus Constituimus et Declara-
mus qd' quel't' persona et persone que ad aliqd' tem-
pus imposterum in Officiū sive Officia Seneschalli
Recordatoris sive Comūnis Clici Burgi predcī elect'
noīat' sive prefect' fuerit sive fuerint Approbacōem et
Confirmacōem in Officiū ill' a nob' Hered' et Succes-
soribus nrīs supplicabit et obtinebit supplicabunt et
obtenebunt Qd'que non licebit alicui hūmōi persone

vel personis in Offic' ill' sic elect' sive noiat' eligend'
 sive noīand in Offic' ill' aliquoliter intromittere an-
 teqm' hūmōi Approbaciōem et Confirmaciōem in Of-
 fic' ill' attestat' sive declarat' per Warrantu' sive
 Ordin' sub Signeto et Manuali signo nrō Hered'
 vel Successorum nrōrum obtinuit sive obtinuerunt et
 procuravit sive procuraverint aliquo in presentibus
 content' in contrarium inde non obstan' Eo qd' ex-
 pressa mencō &c IN CUJUS Rei &c T R apud
 Westm' Vicesimo scdō Die Marcii

PER BRE' DE PRIVATO SIGILLO

*This is a true Copy from the original
 Record remaining in the Chapel of
 the Rolls, having been examined.*

JOHN KIPLING.

DUCHY OF LANCASTER.

E Libro Charters &c. N. 23—fō. 222.

CAROLUS secundus dei gracia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fidei defensor, &c. per dilecto et fidel' consiliario nrō Thomæ Chicheley Militi Cancelar' nrō Ducatus et Com' pal' nrī Lanc' Salut' Volumus et Mandamus quod sub sigillis dict' ducat' et Com' pal' nrī (nrā existen' in custodia) lrās nrās fieri faciat' patentes in forma sequen'

REX OMIBUS' ad quos presentes Lræ pervenerint SALTM CUM Burgus noster de Preston in Com' nrō Lancast' est Burgus antiquus ac Major' Ballivi et Burgens' ejusdem Burgi per diversa separalia Nomina diversis Lib'tatibus Franchesiis Imūnitat' Consuetudinibus preheminenciis et aliis Hereditamentis hūerunt usi et gavisī fuerunt ac hēnt utuntur et gaudent tam per diversas Chartas et lrās Paten' diversorum progenitorum et Antecessorum nrōrum nuper Regum et Reginarum Angl' et aliorum qm' rōne diversarum Prescripcōnum et Consuetudinum a tempore cujus contrarii Memoria Hominu' non existit in eodem Burgo usitat' hīt' et approbat' CUMQUE dīlci Subditi nrī nuper Major' Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi illius NOBIS humilime supplicaverunt quatenus

nos pro meliori Regimine et Melioracōe ejusdem Burgi Graciam et Munificenciam nrām Regiam eisdem Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī in hac parte gratiose exhiberi et extendere volumus Quodque nos dcōs Majorem Ballivos et Burgenses dcī Burgi per qd'cūque Nomen seu quecunque Nomina antehac incorporati fuerunt sive utrum antehac incorporati fuerunt necne in unum Corpus corporatum et politicum per Nōen Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' nrō Lancastr' per lrās nrās Paten' facere redigere constituere ratificare confirmare seu de novo creare dignaremur cum talibus Addicōibus et Alteracōibus Lib'tatum Privilegiorum Imūnitatum et Franchiesiarum ejusdem Burgi et in talibus modo et forma qual' pro meliori Regimine et Melioracōe Burgi pred' nob' videbitur expedire

NOS IGITUR Premissa perpendentes ac volentes qd' de cetero unus certus et indubitatus modus in eodem Burgo nrō de et pro Custodia Pacis nrē ac Regimine et Gub'nacōe Populi nrī ibm continue hēatur et ut Burgus ille perpetuis futuris temporibus sit et permaneat Burgus Pacis et Quietis ad Formidinem et Terrorem Malorum et in protecōem et premiu' Bonorum Ac eciam ut Pax nrā ceteraq: Fcā Justicie absque ulteriori Dilacōe ibm custodiri et fieri valeant de Grā nrā spīali ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs VOLUIMUS ORDINAVIMUS CONSTITUIMUS & CONCESSIMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs VOLUMUS ORDINAMUS CONSTITUIMUS CONCEDIMUS & DECLARAMUS qd' predict' Burgus nr' de Pres-

ton sit et permaneat de cetero imper'tuum Liber Burgus Et qd' Burgus ille ac Major Ballivi Burgenses et Cõitas ejusdem Burgi sint et permaneant incorporati in Re Fcõ et Nomine imper'tuum de uno Majore septem aldermannis et septemdecim Capitalibus Burgensibus per Nõem Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' nrõ Lancastrie Et qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi illius sint de cetero una Cõitas et unum Corpus corporatum et politicum in Re Fcõ et Nomine imper'tuum per Nõem Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' nrõ Lancastr' Et quod Major Ballivi et Burgenses ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et Successor' sui de cetero imper'tuum sint et erunt unum Corpus Corporatum et una Cõitas perpetua in Re Fcõ et Nomine hēantque successionem perpetuam Ipsosque Majorem Ballivos et Burgenses Burgi illius unam Cõitatem et unu' Corpus corporatum et politicum per nomen pred' realiter et ad plenum Creamus Erigimus Ordinamus Facimus Constituimus Confirmamus Declaramus et Incorporamus per presentes

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Sucessoribus nrīs Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi illius et Successoribus suis Qd' ipī et Successor' sui per Nõem Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancastr' plitare et implitari sectare et prosequi ac defendere et defendi respondere et responderi valeant et possint in omībus Curiis et Locis nrīs Heredum et Successorum nrõrum ac in aliis Cur' et Locis quibuscunque tam infra hoc Regnu' nr̃m'

Angl' qm' alibi infra alia Dominia nr̃a quecunque existē' tam in omībus et singulis accoībus sectis Querelis Causis et Demandis realibus personalibus seu mixtis qm' in omībus et singul' aliis Causis Negociis et Materis quibuscunque Quodque iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi predcī et Successor' sui hēant et hēbunt unum Cōe Sigillum pro omībus Causis et Negociis agend' et tractand' Et qd' bene liceat et licebit eis et Successoribus suis Sigillum illud ad libitum suu' frangere mutare et de novo facere

AC ULTERIUS qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses et Successores sui per Nōen Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancastr' sint et erunt persone habiles et in Lege capaces ad perquirend' recipiend' hēnd' et capiend' eis et Successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate vel pro Termino Vite vel Vitarum vel Annorum seu aliter Dominia Maneria Terras Tentā Reddūs Revercōnes Hereditamen' Lib'tates Francherias Jura Jurisdicōes et Privilegia quecunque ac eciam Bona et Catalla ac omēs alias Res cujuscunque fuerint Generis Nature Speciei seu Qualitatis necnon ad dand' concedend' dimittend' et assignand' eadem Dominia Maneria Terras Tentā Hereditamen' Bona et Catalla ac omīa alia Fcā et Res faciend' et exequend' per Nōen predcm'

AC ECIAM VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̃is per Presentes CONCEDIMUS & CONFIRMAMUS prefatis Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis qd' de cetero imperpetuum sit et erit in Burgo predcō unus de magis

probioribus et discrecioribus Viris Burgi illius in forma inferius in his presentibus mencōnat' de tempore in tempus eligend' qui erit et vocabitur Major' Burgi illius Quodque similiter sint et erunt infra Burgum illum duo alii de magis probioribus et discrecioribus Viris ejusdem Burgi in forma inferius sīliter mencōnat' de tempore in tempus eligend' qui erunt et nominabuntur Ballivi Burgi illius (videlt') unus eorum Le Towne Bayliffe et alter eorum Le Maiors Bayliffe (ut perantea usitat' fuerit) Qd'que sīliter sint et erunt infra Burgum pred' septem alii de magis probioribus et discretioribus viris ejusdem burgi in forma similiter mencōnata de tempore in tempus eligend' qui erunt et nōiabuntur aldermanni et capital' burgenses burgi illius Quodque sīliter sint et erunt infra burgum predict' septem decim Hōes de discrecioribus et probioribus Viris dcī Burgi qui erunt assistentes et auxiliantes dcīs Majori et Ballivis ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in Causis et Materiis eundem Burgum tangent' et qui erunt et vocabuntur Capītales Burgenses ejusdem Burgi et erunt Comūne Conciliu' dcī Burgi pro Statutis Actibus et Ordinacōibus publicam utilitatem et commodum ejusdem Burgi et Inhitancium inde pro tempore existen' tangen' et concernen' per eos seu per majorem partem eorundem cum Majore et aldermannis Burgi illius pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus faciend' et agend' pro meliori Gub'nacōe et Regimine Hominu' et Causarum Rerum et Negociorum dcī Burgi pro tempore existen'

ET VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes CONCEDIMUS RATIFICA-

MUS & CONFIRMAMUS pifat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predict' et Successoribus suis qd' ipi et Successores sui per eorum Comūne Concilium vel majorem partem eorundem pro tempore existent' hēant et hēbunt plenam Authoritatem Potestatem et Facultatem condendi constituendi ordinandi faciendi et stabiliendi de tempore in tempus tal' et hūmōi Leges Instituta Jura Ordinacōes et Constitucōes qual' et que eis sive eōrum Parti majori pro tempore existen' bona salubria utilia honesta et necessaria juxta eorum sanas Discrecōes fore videbitur pro bonis Regimine et Gub'nacōe Majoris Ballivorum Aldrōrum et aliorum Capitalium Burgensium ac omiū' aliorum Burgensium et Inhabitancium Burgi predci pro tempore existen' ac pro declaracōe quo modo et ordine predict' Major Ballivi Aldri Capitales Burgenses et ceteri omēs et singuli Ministri Officiarii Artifices Inhabitantes et Residentes Burgi illius in Officiis Funccōibus Mistriis et Negociis suis infra Burgum predict' ac Lib'tates ejusdem pro tempore existen' sese hēbunt et garent et utentur acaliter pro ulteriori bono et publica utilitate et pro bono regimine Burgi illius ac victualacōe ejusdem ac eciam pro meliori preservacōe gub'nacōe disposicōe locacōe et dimissione Terrarum Tēntorum Possessionu' Revencōnu' et Hereditamen' Burgi illius sic pifat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus ejusdem Burgi et Succesoribus suis dat' concess' seu assignat' aut imposterum concedend' dand' vel assignand' ac omium aliarum Rerum et Causarum quarumcunque Burgum predcm' aut Statuta Jura et Interesse ejusdem Burgi tangen' seu aliquo modo concernen' Quodque Major Ballivi et

Burgenses Burgi predcī et Successores sui per eorum
 Comunē Concilium Burgi predcī pro tempore existen'
 vel eorum maiorem partem quocienscunque hūmōi Le-
 ges Instituta Jura Ordinacōes et Constitucōes condi-
 derint fecerint ordinaverint et stabiliverint in forma
 predcā hūmōi et tales Penas Punicōes et Penalitates
 per Fines et Amerciamenta erga et super omēs Delin-
 quentes contra hūmōi Leges Instituta Jura Ordinacōes
 et Constitucōes sive eorum aliquod sive aliqua quales
 et que eisd' Aldrīs et Communi Concilio pro tempore
 existen' sive eorum majori Parti necessar' et requisit'
 pro observacōe predcārum Legum Ordinacōnu' et
 Constitucōnu' melius fore videbitur facere ordinare
 limitare et providere ac eadem Fines et Amerciamen'
 levare et hēre possint et valeant absque Impedimen'
 nrō Hered' vel Succōrum nrōrum Que omī et singula
 Leges Ordinacōes Constitucōes Jura et Instituta sic
 ut prefertur faciend' observari volumus sub Penis in
 eisdem continend' Ita tamen qd' Leges Ordinacōes
 Instituta et Constitucōes penæ et penalitat' hūmōi
 non sint repugnant' nec contraria sed consentanea Le-
 gibus et Statutis Regni nrī Anglie et pro meliori exe-
 cucōe earumdem Voluntat' et Concessionu nrārum in
 hac Parte Assignavimus Nominavimus Constituimus
 et Fecimus ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Suc-
 cessoribus nrīs Assignamus Noīamus Constituimus et
 Facimus dilem nob' Johem Kellet Burgensem Burgi
 predcī fore et esse primum et modernum Majorem
 Burgi predcī Volentes qd' idem Jōhes Kellet in Officio
 Majoris Burgi predcī erit et continuabit a Dat' pre-
 senciū usque ad Festum scī Wilfrī Archiepī prox'

futur' et de eodem Festo quousque alius Burgensis Burgi predci ad et in Officiu' illud prefect' et jurat' fuerit juxta Ordinacões et provisiones in presentibus inferius express' et spificat' si idem Jôhes Kellet tam diu vixerit

ASSIGNAVIMUS ECIAM Noiavimus Constitui-
mus et facimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et
Successoribus nr̄is Assignamus Noiāmus Constituimus
et Facimus dilcōs nob' Robtum Pigot et Daniel'
Dunster Inhītantes Burgi predci fore et esse primos
et modernos Ballivos dcī Burgi Et qd' in ip̄
Officio Ballivorum ejusdem Burgi erunt et per-
manebunt a Dat' presencium usque ad predcm' Festum
Scī Wilfridi Archiepī extunc prox' sequen' et ab eodem
Festo quousque alii Burgenses Burgi predci ad et in
Officiu' illud prefect' et jurat' fuerint juxta Ordinacões
et provisiones in Presentibus inferius express' et
spificat' si iidem Robtus Pigot et Daniel Dunster tam
diu vixerint

NECNON ASSIGNAVIMUS Noiavimus Fecimus
et Constituimus ac per Presentes pro nob' Heredi-
bus et Successoribus nr̄is ASSIGNAMUS Noiāmus
et Facimus dilcōs nob' Laurentium Wall Thomam
Hodgkinson Georgium Addison Jacobum Ashton
William Lemon Junior' Thoma' Winckley et Roger'
Sudell Junior' Inhitan' dcī Burgi fore et esse Septem
Aldrōs ejusdem Burgi et Willielmum Lemon Senior'
Christopher' Nowell Lawrenciu' Bostock Ricūm
Taylor Jôhem Corlem Senior Willielmum Werden
Josia' Gregson Roger' Haydock Radulphum Rushton
Nicholau' Walmesley Radulphum Woodhouse Thur-

an' Darwen Jöhem Corlem Junior' Jonathan' Seed,
 öhem Atherton Thoma' Wearden et Evan Ianson
 nhitan' dci Burgi fore et esse Septem-decim Capital'
 burgenses ejusdem Burgi et Johem Warrenar unu'
 usticiar' nrör in Com' nrö Cestrie et Wallie Boreal'
 ore et esse primu et modernu' Recordator' Burgi nrī
 red' ET VOLUMUS quod pred' Ballivi Aldrī et
 orem quilt' et quelt' alia persona in Officium illud
 rigore presencium imposterum noiāt' et elect' noiānd'
 et eligend' post Sacrm' suum in hac Parte debte et
 cdm' Tenorem presencium respcive prestitum sint
 rant et continuabunt Aldrī Capitales Burgenses et
 Recordator Burgi illius pro et durant' Vitis suis
 nrālibus et Vita nrāli eorum cujuslt' respcive nisi
 nterim pro mala gestura sua in Officio illo seu pro
 aliqua alia racōnabili' Causa abinde amoventur seu
 eorum aliquis amovetur per Majorem et Residuos
 Aldermannos et Capitales Burgenses Burgi illius vel
 majorem partem eorum pro tempore existen' Quos
 quidem Aldrōs et Capitales Burgenses Burgi illius
 superius noiāt' aut imposterum vigore presencium
 eligend' et eorum aliquos seu aliquem in hūmōi Casu
 et Casibus amobiles et in forma predict' amovend'
 esse volumus

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ET STATUIMUS
 per presentes qd' omēs Ballivi Aldrī Capital' Burgen-
 ses et Recordator Burgi predci superius noiāt' seu
 imposterum vigore presencium noiānd' et eligend'
 antequam' in Officio illo Ballivor' Aldrōr' Capital' Bur-
 gens' et Recordator' Burgi illius aliquid intromit-
 tant Sacrä sua corporalia super Sacro Scō Dei Evan-

gelio coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' ad Officiu' illud respective in omībus juxta deb'tm ejusdem Officii bene et fideliter exequend' prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit (Cui quidem Majori pro tempore existen' ad hūmōi Sacra dand' et administrand' tam Ballivis Aldris Capitalibus Burgensibus predict' et Recordatori pred' qm' omībus et cuilt' al' persone et personis in illis Officiis ejusdem Burgi vigore Presencium imposterum nōiand' aut eligend' plenam Potestatem et Authoritatem Damus et Concedimus per Presentes

AC ULTERIUS VOLUMUS qd' Aldrī et Capitales Burgenses Burgi nrī de Preston predict' pro tempore existen' unacum Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' sint et erunt Comūne Concilium Burgi illius Ac ipōs predict' Aldrōs et Capitales Burgenses Burgi nrī de Preston predict' pro tempore existent' Comūne Concilium Burgi illius pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Facimus Creamus Constituimus et Declaramus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per presentes Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis Qd' Major dcī Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' sit et erit Clericus Mercati dcī Burgi ac Lib'tat' et precinct' ejusdem Et qd' nullus alius Clericus Mercati nrī aut Hered' nrōrum ībm in hūmōi Officio in aliquo se intromittat nisi in presenciam nrā Hered' vel Successorum nrōrum Et qd' Major dcī Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' de cetero sit et erit Coronator nr' infra eundem Burgum ac

Lib'tat' et p̄cinct' ejusdem ad om̄ia et singula ibm que ad Officiu' Coronatoris infra aliquos Cōmtatus hujus Regni nr̄i Anglie per Leges et Statuta ejusdem Regni pertinent seu pertinere debent faciend' et exercend' Et qd' nullus alius Coronator nr̄i aut Hered' vel Successorum nr̄orum ibm in hūmōi Officio in aliquo intromittat

CONCESSIMUS INSUPER ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi p̄dcī et Successoribus suis Qd' Major ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existent' et ultimus predecessor suus in officio illo per spacium unius anni ab et post exitum et decessu' suu' ab officio majoris ejusdem burgi respective necnon senior Aldrūs et recordator ejusdem burgi pro tempore existen' sint et erunt et quilibet eorum sit et erit Justiciar' nr̄i Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum ad Pacem nr̄am Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum infra Burgum p̄dcīm lib'tat' et p̄cinct' ejusd' custodiend' et conservand' ac plenariam hēant et hēbunt et uterq. eorum hēat et hēbit Potestatem et Authoritatem ad Pacem nr̄am Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum ibm conservand' et ad om̄ia alia ibm faciend' et exequend' que ad Justic' Pacis nr̄e aut Hered' seu Successorum nr̄orum in aliquo Comitatu nr̄o Anglie pertinent faciend' et exequend' pro bono Pacis nr̄e Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum ac Quiet' Regimine et sana Gub'nacōe Poplī nr̄i Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum in om̄ibus et singulis suis Articulis infra Burgum p̄dcīm lib'tat' et p̄cinct' ejusdem juxta Vim Formam et Eff'cīm Statutorum et Ordinacōnum in ea parte edit' custodiend'

et custodiri faciend' et ad omēs illos quos contra Vim Formam et Eff^m Statutorum et Ordinacōnum illorum invenerint facientes sive delinquentes scdm' Statut' et Ordinacōes illas ac Legem Terre nrē punire faciend' ac ea omīa et singula audiend' et terminand' scdm' Leges et Consuetudines Regni nrī Anglie adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Justiciar' Pacis in dcō Com' nrō Lancastr' seu alibi infra Regnu' nrm' Anglie ante hec tempora hūerunt et exercuerent seu littime hēre seu exercere poterint in futurū extra Burgum predcm' Lib'tates et precinct' ejusdem

ET ULTERIUS volumus ac per presentes pro nobis hered' et successoribus nrīs damus et concedimus pifat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi de Preston pred' et successoribus suis quod modernus major Burgi illius et quilibet alius major ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in poster' nōiand' et eligend' respective sit et erit sint et erunt justiciar' nrī hered' et successorum nrōr' ad pacem nostram hered' et succ' nrōr' in comitat' nrō Lancastriæ custodiend' et conservand' et ad oīa alia faciend' exequend' et confirmand' que per justiciar' pacis nrē hered' seu successor' nrōr' infra eund' comitat' per leges et statut' hujus regni nrī Angliæ modo edit' vel imposterum edend' fieri exequi et performari possint aut debent ac modernum Major' Burgi pred' ac omn' et qmlibet major' et majores Burgi illius pro tempore existen' imposterum noiand' et eligend' justiciar' et justiciarios nrōs hered' et successor' nrōr' ad pacem nrām hered' et successor' nrōr' infra Comitatus nrum Lancastriæ

pred' custodiend' et conservand' et ad oia alia pred' que per justiciar' pacis infra comitat' nrum Lancast' pred' ut prefertur fieri et exequi possint aut debent faciend' et exequend' facimus ordinamus et constituimus per presentes

ET UTLTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes Ordinamus et constituimus qd' modernus Major Burgi predci superius nōiat' anteqm' ipe in predcis' separali-bus Officiis Majoris Clici Mercati Coronatoris et Justiciarii Pacis nri Burgi illius et justic' pacis pro comit' Lancastr' pred' seu eorum aliquo aliqualiter agat seu intromittat separalia Sacra sua corporalia super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram dilcis et fidel' Subditis nrīs Rico Standish Bart' Petro Brooke milit' Edrō Fleetwood Armig' et Lawrenc' Rawstorne Ar' seu aliquibus duobus vel pluribus eor' ad separal' officia illa bene et fideliter in oībus juxta debit' officior' illor' respective exequend' prestabit Quibus quidem Rico Standish Petro Brooke Edrō Fleetwood et Lawrenc' Rawstorne et aliquibus duobus vel pluribus eorum ad separalia Sacra predcā pefat' moderno Majori in forma predict' dand' et administrand' plenam potestatem et Authoritatem damus et concedimus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS volumus et per presentes ordinamus et constituimus quod ultimus predecessor moderni majoris pro tempore existent' Antiquiss' Alderman' et Recordator predict' antequam ipsi in offic' pred' justic' pacis nostri Burgi pred' Lib'tat' et precinct' ejusdem aliqualiter ag' seu intromitt' sacra sua corporalia super sacrosancto dei Evangel' coram Majore dicti Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen'

ad offic' ill' bene et fideliter in oībus juxta debit' offic' illius exequend' prestab' cui quidem majori dicti Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' prefat' ultimo predecessori moderni majoris antiquioribus Aldermannis et Recordatori pred' pro tempore existen' sacrament' pred' dand' et administrand' plenam potestat' et authoritat' damus et concedimus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS de ubiori grā nrā VOLUMUS ac ex certa sciencia et mero Motu nrīs pro nob' Heredibus et Successoribus nrīs per presentes concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis Qd' quedam Domus infra dcm' Burgum vulgariter nuncupat' Le Tol Boothe als' Le Moot Hall sit et erit Comūnis Aula et Domus dcrōum Majoris Ballivorum et Burgensium Burgi predcī et Successorum suorum imper'tuum tam ad Convencōes et Congregacōes suas in eadem faciend' qm' ad omīa et omīod' Curias Plita Causas Materias Concilia et Negocia sua quecunque ibm de tempore in tempus tenend' et tractand'

AC ECIAM de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per presentes CONCEDIMUS prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' ipī sive major pars eorum pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus in quolt' Anno de cetero imper'tuum in Hebdomada prox' ante predcm' Festum Scī Wilfrī Archiepī coveniant et convenire valeant et possint in predict' Aula et Domo aut in aliquo al' Loco convenien' infra Burgum predcm' et ibm due persone de discrecionibus et magis

probioribus Inhabitibus dcī Burgi per eos prout antehac usitat' fuerit eligend' et noīand' (viz') una per Majorem et altera per Aldros ejusdem Burgi adtunc ibm presentes Sācra sua corporaliter prestabunt coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' qd' illi cum festinacōe convenien' elegerint et nōiabunt viginti et quatuor de aliis discrecioribus et magis probioribus Burgensibus inhabitibus infra Burgum predcm' ad eligend' et noīand' novum Majorem novum Ballivum vocat' Le Townes Bayliffe et novum Servientem vocat' The Towne Serjeant Que quidem viginti quatuor persone postquam sic noīat' et elect' fuerint Sacrā sua corporalia prestabunt coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' qd' illi cum expedicōe convenienti eligent et nōiabunt talem discretam personam existen' Burgens' Burgi predci' ac inhabit' in eodem qual' eis videbitur magis convenien' pro comōditat' Burgi predci' ac pro manutencōe et conservacōe Lib'tat' ejusdem fore et esse Majorem dcī Burgi ac unam aliam idoneam personam existen' Burgensem ejusdem Burgi ac inhabitantem infra eundem seu Lib'tates ejusdem qual' eis magis convenien' videbitur fore et esse Ballivum dcī Burgi vocat' Le Towne Bayliffe necnon talem aliam discretam et idoneam personam existen' Burgensem dcī Burgi et inhabitantem infra Limites ejusdem qual' eis necessar' et convenien' videbitur fore et esse Servientem vocat' The Towne Serjeant in Burgo predcō Et si ipsi viginti quatuor Hoīes in eleccōe sua predcā consentire et in unu' agreare non possint tunc volumus qd' elecco et consentacio majoris partis eorumdem capiat

effc'm' prout antehac usitat' fuerint (Cui quidem Majori Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' ad Sācra predcā separalibus personis predcīs de tempore in tempus respicē dand' et administrand' plenam Authoritatem et Potestatem damus et concedimus per presentes) Qui quidem Hoies sic ad separalia Officia Majoris Ballivi et servientis elect' sive eligend' anteqm' ad Officia illa bene et fideliter exercend' admittantur Sācrā sua corporalia ad Officia illa bene et fideliter exequend' in forma inferius in hiis presentibus spificat' separaliter prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit Et post hūmōi Sācrā sic separaliter prestit' Officia illa pro uno Anno integro tunc prox' sequen' separaliter exequi valeant et possint

ET INSUPER VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nris Concedimus per presentes prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successor' suis qd' si contingat Majorem Burgi predcī aliquo tempore infra unum Annum postqm' ad Offic' Majoris Burgi predcī ut prefertur prefect' et jurat' fuerit obire vel ab Officio suo amoveri durant' tempore quo sit Major ejusdem Burgi (quem quidem Majorem Burgi illius pro tempore existen' pro mala gestura sua in Officio illo seu pro aliqua alia racōnabili Causa per Aldrōs et Capitales Burgenses Burgi illius vel majorem partem eorum pro tempore existen' amobilem esse volumus) quod tunc et tociens bene liceat predict' Aldris et Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predcī sive majori Parti eorundem convenire in dē Domo aut Loco aut alio Loco convenien' infra Burgum predcm' ad certum Diem prefixum sive prefigend'

infra octo Dies proxim' sequent' Mortem aut Amocōem hūmōi Majoris et ibm eligere nōiare et assignare valeant et possint unum de seīpis Aldris existen' in Majorem Burgi predcī Et qd' ille sic electus et prefectus Officium illud hēat et exerceat durante residuo ejusdem Anni (Sacram' corporali in forma inferius spīficat' prius prestand') Et tocies quociens Casus sic acciderit

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis Qd' quel' persona Burgi predcī ad Officiu' Majoris Burgi predcī imposterum elect' separalia Sacrā capiet et prestabit corporalia super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio coram ultimo Predecessore suo in eodem Officio si idem Predecessor superstes sit et tunc presens fuerit Et si idem Predecessor suus adtunc mortuus vel absens fuerit tunc coram Aldris et Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' vel major' parte eorum tunc ibm presentibus tam pro fideli executōe Officiū et Officiorum Majoris et Clici Mercati et Coronatoris nrī Burgi illius qm' Officior' Justiciarior' Pacis nrē Hered' et Successorum nrōrum infra Burgum ill' et comit' Lanc' pred' conservand' cui quidem Predecessori in Officio Majoris Burgi illius et quibus quidem Aldermannis et Capitalibus Burgensibus ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et majori parti eorum ad hūmōi Sacra' cuilt' persone in Officium Majoris Burgi illius imposterum in forma predcā elect' sive eligend' de tempore in tempus dand' et administrand' plenam Authoritatem et Potestatem Damus et Concedimus per presentes

AC ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus et Confirmamus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dc̄i Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' quocienscunque et quandocunque contigerit Ballivum vocat le Towne Bayliffe et Servien' dc̄i Burgi vocat' le Towne Serjeant vel eorum alterum obire infra unum Annum postqm' ad Officia illa Ballivi et Servient' ut prefertur prefci et jurati fuerint vel fuerit vel infra tempus illud ab Officiis illis seu eorum altero resp̄cive amoveri qd' tunc et tociens bene liceat et licebit Majori dc̄i Burgi pred' Aldris et Capitalibus Burgensibus Burgi illius existen' Cōi' Consilio ejusdem Burgi sive majori parti eorumdem pro tempore existen' alium vel alios Inhabitantes Burgi predci in loco vel locis ipsius vel ip̄orum sic mortui vel amoti mortuorum vel amotorum existen' infra octo Dies resp̄cive tunc prox' sequen' eligere et preficere modo et forma suprascript' Et qd' ip̄e vel ip̄i sic elect' et prefect' Officium sive Officia ill' ad qd' vel que sic elect' et prefect' resp̄cive fuerint vel fuerit hēant et exerceant hēat et exerceat duran' residuo ejusdem Anni Et hoc tociens quociens casus sic acciderit

ET VOLUMUS qd' omēs et quelc' persona et persone in hūmōi Officium sive Officia ultimo predict' imposterum elect' nōiat' aut prefect' anteqm' in Officio sive Officiis illis aliquo modo intromittant seu intromittat Sacrm' suum' Corporale super Sacro Sco Dei Evangelio coram Majore Burgi predci pro tempore existent' pro deb'ta executōe Officii sive Officiorum illorum resp̄cive prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit Cui quidem Majori pro tempore existen' ad hūmōi Sacrm'

in forma predict' de tempore in tempus dand' et administrand' plenam Potestatem et Authoritat' damus et concedimus per presentes

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is per Presentes Concedimus prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi et Successor' suis qd' Major ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus quandocunque ei placuerit noiabit eliget et constituet unam honestam et idoneam personam existen' Burgensem et Inhabitantem infra Burgum predcm' fore et supportare Officium Ballivi vocat' Le Mayors Bayliffe qmdiu' idem Major in Officio suo fuerit vel permanebit ad ea omīa faciend' que ad hūmōi Officium Ballivi pertinent Necnon qd' predict' Major pro tempore existen' de tempore in tempus quandocunque ei placuerit noiabit eliget et constituet unam al' idoneam personam Burgensem et Inhabitantem infra Burgum predcm' fore et supportare Officium Sub-ballivi vocat' Le Serjeant at Mace vel Le Mayors Serjeant qmdiu' idem Major in Officio suo fuerit vel qmdiu' ei placuerit pro proclamationibus Arrestacoibus proces' Execucoibus et aliis Rebus Officio suo pertinen' infra dcm' Burgum et Limites Bundas et precinctus ejusdem faciend' peragend' et exequend' in consiliis modo et forma prout Servientes ad Clavam in Civitate nr̄a London' faciant et exequantur Quodque idem Serviens ad Clavam sic noiāt' constitut' et elect' possit et valeat portare Clavam Armis nr̄is sculpt' infra Limites et Bundas dcī Burgi duran' tempore quo ipē in Officio illo fuerit Et qd' quelc' persona tam ad Officium

Ballivi vocat' Le Mayors Bayliffe qm' ad Officium Servientis ad Clavam infra Burgum predcm' noiat' et elect' noīand' et eligend' Sacrm' capiat et prestat corporale coram Majore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' ad Officium suum bene et fideliter exequend' et exercend' Cui quidem Majori Burgi illius pro tempore existen' ad hūmōi Sacrm' in forma predict' de tempore in tempus dand' et administrand' plenam Potestatem et Authoritat' damus et concedimus per presentes

ET INSUPER VOLUMUS ac per Præsentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs quantum in nob' est CONCEDIMUS ET CONFIRMAMUS prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et eorum Successoribus qd' si aliquis vel aliqui qui ad Officia Majoris Ballivi vocat' Le Town Bayliffe et Servien' vocat' Le Towne Serjeant vel ad aliqua alia Officia inferiora Burgi predcī sive eorum aliquod sive aliqua imposterum electi et noiat' fuerint vel elctus' et noīatus fuerit hēns sive hēntes respcīve Noticiam seu Cognicōem de hūmōi Elecōe et Noiacōe Elecciōibus sive Nōiacōibus recusaverint et renuerint recusaverit vel renuerit acceptare vel exercere Officium vel Officia ad qd' vel que ipē vel ipī sic recusan' et renuen' elect' vel noiat' fuerint vel fuerit qd' tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit Majori Aldris et Capitalibus Burgensibus de Cōi Concilio Burgi predcī pro tempore existen' vel majori parti eorundem ipm vel ipōs sic recusan' et renuen' aacceptare vel exercere Officium illud vel Officia illa ad qd' vel que ipē vel ipī sic elect' et noiat fuerit vel fue-

rint comittere Prisone in Burgo predcō ibm remansur' quousque Officiū illud vel Officia illa acceptare vel exercere velit vel velint Ac eciam tal' Fines et Amerciamenta super hūmoi personam et personas sic recusantem vel recusantes ponere et taxare qual' per eosdem Majorem Aldrōs et Capitales Burgenses pro tempore existen' vel eorum majorem partem racōnabil' fore videbitur ac ipm vel ipōs sic recusan' vel recusantes Prisone predict' comittere ac ibm retinere quousque Fines et Amerciamenta illa ad Usū Burgi predcī solvat seu solvi faciat solvant seu solvi faciant

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi et Successoribus suis Ordinamus et Concedimus qd' quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de predict' Aldris Capitalibus Burgensibus et Recordator' seu eor' alter' pro tempore existen' obire vel a Loco Aldermanni, capital' Burgens' et Recordator' seu eorum alter' amoveri qd' tunc et tocies bene liceat et licebit Majori Aldris et Capital' Burgensibus Burgi predcī adtunc supervivent' vel remansur' (existen' Cōi Concilio Burgi illius pro tempore existen') ac majori parti eorumdem alium vel plures alios de Burgensibus Burgi predcī in locum vel loca hūmōi Aldri vel Aldror' seu Capital' Burgens' vel Capitalium Burgensium seu Recordator' sic obire vel amoveri contingen' eligere noīare et preficere Quodque ille vel illi elcūs et prefectus electi et prefecti (prestito prius coram Majore Burgi predcī Sacro Corporali ad Officiū' illud debtē exequend') erit et

erunt de numero predcōrum Aldrorum Capital' Burgensium et Recordator' Burgi predcī Et hoc tocies quociens Casus sic acciderit

ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Ordinamus et firmiter injungend' precipimus qd' Major Ballivi Aldrī et Capitales Burgenses et Recordator Burgi predcī et omēs alii Officiarii et Ministri Burgi illius et eorum Deputati necnon quilt' Justiciar' ad Pacem nrām Hered' et Successorum nrōrum infra Burgum illum et Comit' Lanc' pred' conservandam ut superius mencōnat' aut per has Lrās nrās Paten' modo nōiat' appunctuat' sive constitut' seu virtute aut scdm' tenorem earumdem Lrārum nrārum Paten' imposterum nōiand' eligend' seu constituend' antequam īpi ad execucōem sive Exercicium Officii seu Officiorum Loci vel Locorum cui vel quibus sic ut prefatur respice nōiat' appunctuat' sive constitut' modo existunt aut imposterum in forma predict' nōiat' elect' sive constitut' fuerint admittantur aut aliquo modo in ea parte intromittant tam Sacrm' corporale Anglice cōiter vocat' The oath of Obedience qm' Sacrm' corporale Anglice cōiter vocat' The Oath of Supremacy super Sacro Scō Dei Evangelio prestabunt et eorum quilt' prestabit coram tali persone sive tlibus personis qual' et que ad hūmōi Sacrā dand' et prestand' per Leges et Statuta hujus Regni nrī Anglie ad presens appunctuantur et designantur aut imposter' appunctuat' vel designat' fuerint

PROVISO semper ac plenam potestat' et auctoritat' nobis hered' et successoribus nrīs per presentes

reservamus de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora imposterum ad Majorem Recordator' vel Seneschallum et ejus deputat' vel aliquem vel aliquos de Ballivis Aldris et Capitalibus Burgens' et cōi concilio vel justiciar' Burgi pred' pro tempore existen' ad libit' et beneplacitum nri hered' et successor' nrōr' per aliquem ordinem nrūm hered' vel successor' nrōr', in privato concilio fact' et sub sigillo privati concilii pred' ejusdem respective significat' ad amovend' et amotum et amotos esse-declarand' et quoties nos heredes vel successores nrī per aliquem tal' ordinem in privato concilio fact' declarabimus vel declarabunt aliquem vel aliquos de personis et officiar' pred' fore et esse amotum vel amotos a respect' offic' suis pred' quod tunc et ex-tunc tal' persona et officiar' tales persone et officarii sic amotus vel amoti declaratur sive declarantur a respect' officiis suis ipso facto sine aliquo ulteriore processu realiter et ad oēs intentiones et proposit' quicumq' amotus sit et erit et amoti sint et erunt et hoc toties quoties casus sic acciderit aliquo in contrarium non obstante ac tunc et in tali casu de tempore in tempus quoties casus sic acciderit infra conven' tempus post humōi amociōem et amociōes alia idon' persona vel aliæ idon' personæ in locum et offic' sive in Loca respectiva et offic' humōi personæ vel personarum sic amotæ vel amotarum eligetur constituetur et jurabitur eligentur constituentur et jurabuntur prout in hiis presentibus superius express' et mencōnat' est

ET ULTERIUS CONCESSIMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus et Confirmamus pefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus

dcī Burgi de Preston et Successor' suis qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses et Successores sui hēant Guildam Mercatoriam in Burgo predcō cum omībus Lib'tatibus et libīs Consuetudinibus ad hūmōi Guildam pertinen' prout antehac usi fuerint

ET INSUPER VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus pefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successor' suis qd' hēant et hēbunt infra eundem Burgum de Preston ac Bundas et Lib'tates ejusdem Asissam et Assaiam Panis Vini et Cervisie ac aliorum Victualium necnon Ulnagium et Sigillacōem omn' Pannorum Ponderum et Mensurarum quorumcunque ac Emendacōem et Correcōem inde ac omn' aliorum ad Officiū Clīci Mercati nrī vel Hered' nrōrum spectan' sive pertinen' unacum Punicōibus et Correcōibus eorundem et quicquid quod ad Officiū illud pertinet' faciend' seu exercend' quociens et quando expediens et necesse fuerit Ac qd' hēant et hēbunt omes Fines Redempcōes et Amerciamēta ac omīa alia proficua inde pervenien' ad usum et proficu' pred' Majoris Ballivorum et Burgens' dicti Burgi pro tempore existen'

ET ULTERIUS de ubīori Grā nrā Volumus ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successor' suis qd' ipī et Successores sui hēant et teneant ac hēre et tenere valeant et possint unam Curiam in dict' Domo vocat' Le Moot Hall aut alio Loco in eodem Burgo magis convenien' coram Majore et duobus vel pluribus Aldrōr' ejusdem Burgi

qualt' tertia Septiman' Die Veneris tenend' imper-
 tium Et qd' hēbunt in ead' Cur' plenam Potestatem
 et Authoritat' audiend' et terminand' Querelas
 in eadem levand' de omībus et omīod' Debtis Compotis
 Convencōibus et Contractibus Transgressionibus vi et
 Armis seu aliter in contemptum nrm' vel Hered' aut Suc-
 cessorum nrōrum Convencōibus Detencōibus Con-
 temptibus Decepcōibus Vetite-Namiis et aliis Rebus et
 Accōibus personalibus quibuscunque infra dcm' Bur-
 gum de Preston ac Bundas et Limites ejusdem quovis-
 modo emergen' seu emergend' sive contingen' vel con-
 tingend' Et qd' iidem Major et duo vel plures Aldror'
 et Successores sui pro hūmōi Queremoniis Plitis Que-
 relis et Accōibus hēant plenam Potestatem Authori-
 tatem et Facultatem personas defenden' versus quas
 hūmōi Querel' Plita sive Accōes in predict' Curia le-
 vari et moveri contingerint in plitm reducere per Sumō-
 nicōes Attachiamenta et Districcōes scdm' Consuetu-
 dinem in Civitat' nrā London' antehac usitat' Servient'
 ad Clavam dci Burgi pro tempore existen' dirigend'
 Et pro defcu' Catallorum et Terrarum hūmōi De-
 fenden' infra Burgum predcm' ac Limites Bundas
 et Lib'tates ejusdem ubi sive per que sumōneri at-
 tachiari vel distringi possint per Attachiamen' aut
 Capcōem Corporum suorum juxta Consuetudinem in
 Civitat' nrā London' antehac usitat' Et Accōes Querelas
 et Plita supradcā per consilia processus Consideracōes
 Judicia et Execucōes Judiciorum deducere et ter-
 minare per que Consilia placit' in dcā Civitat' nrā
 London' deducuntur et terminantur Execucōesque

processum et Judiciorum per predict' Servient' ad Clavam fiant et hēantur Ac etiam qd' idem Major et duo vel plur' Alderman' pred' oīa et oiōada acōnes querel' et plīta nuper penden' coram Majore Ballivis et Seneschallo Burgi de Preston ad judicium procedant et executionem inde faciant secundum leg' et consuetud' hujus Regni nī Angl' Et qd' dict' Major Ballivi et Burgenses dcī Burgi de Preston et Successores sui ad Usum et proficuu' Cōitatis ejusdem Burgi hēant et percipiant ac hēbunt et percipient et levabunt omīa Fines Amerciamenta et alia proficua quecunque de et in Curia predcā pervenien' emergen' acciden' seu contingen' ad Usum et proficuu' dcī Burgi et Cōitatis ejusdem

CONCESSIMUS ECIAM ac pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs per Presentes Concedimus pefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et Successor' suis qd' Major Ballivi et Burgenses ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' in eodem Burgo hēant imper'tuum Potestatem et Authoritatem recipiend' quascunque Recognicōes inter Mercatorem et Mercatorem et Execucōem inde faciend' juxta Forma' Statutorum Mercatorum et Statut' de Acton Burnell nuper edit' Et qd' hēant Noiācōem et Appunctuacōem Clici et Sigilli ejusdem scdm' usum et ut in temporibus retroactis hūerunt et consueverunt

Et ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs DEDIMUS ET CONCESSIMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et

Successoribus nr̄is **DAMUS ET CONCEDIMUS** prefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dc̄i Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis Visum Franc' Pleg' om̄ium et singulorum Inhitancium et Residencium tam integre residencium qm' non integre residencium infra dcm' Burgum de Preston et infra limites et bundas ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et de tempore in tempus imper'tuum ac om̄ia ad Visum Franc' Pleg' pertinen' seu spectan' in predict' Cōi Domo vocat' le Toll Booth infra dcm' Burgum de Preston aut alio loco convenien' ibm bis per Annum tenend' eisdem Diebus et Temporibus quibus eis videbitur opportunum et necessarium prout ab antiquo usitat' fuerit unacum om̄ibus Sumocōibus Attachiamen' Arrestacōibus Exi'tibus Amerciamen'tis Finibus Redempcōibus proficuis Comōditatibus et al' Rebus quibuscunque que inde ad nos Hered' seu Successores nr̄os ibm quoquo modo pertinere possint et deberent

ET VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is **CONCEDIMUS ET CONFIRMAMUS** prefat' Majori Ballivi et Burgensibus dc̄i Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis qd' iidem Major Ballivi et Burgenses et Successores sui hēant et teneant ac hēre et tenere valeant et possint imper'tuum duos Mercatos quibuslibet diebus Mecurii et Sabbati singulis Septimanis in dcō Burgo de Preston tenend' Ac duas Nundinas sive Ferias ibm annuatim tenend' et custodiend' prout antehac usitat' fuerunt (viz) una dcārum Nundinarum sive Feriarum incipiend' ad Assumpcōem Btē Marie

Virginis et per octo Dies duratur' et altera earumdem Nundinarum sive Feriarum in Vigilia et in Festo Aplōrum Simonis et Jude et per quinque dies duratur' unacum Cur' ped' Pulverizat' ibidem tempore earumdem Nundinarum sive Feriarum et Mercat' tenend' simul cum Stallagio Picagio Finibus Amercia-ment' ac omībus aliis proficuis Comōditat' et Emolument' quibuscunque hujusmodi Mercat' Nundinis sive Feriis et Cur' pedis Pulverizat' pertinen' acciden' emergen' sive contingen' ac cum omībus Lib'tatibus et libis Consuetud' ad hujusmodi Mercat' Nundinas sive Ferias pretinen' sive spectan' ad propriu' opus et Usum ac utilitat' dict' Major' Ball' et Burgens' et Successorum suorum ac Coītat' dict' Burgi de Preston pro tempore existen' capiend' et convertend'

ET INSUPER volumus ac per presentes pro nobis hered' et successoribus nrīs concedimus p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus dcī Burgi de Preston et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui unam al' feriam sive nundin' hēant et teneant infra Burgum p̄d' in et super decimam sextam diem Martii in quolib' anno imperpet' pro emptione et venditione oīum et oīōd' bonor' pecudum mercimon' et merchandizar' et quelib' feria illa pro tribus diebus duratur' nisi p̄d' decimus sextus dies Martis acciderit esse dies Dominicus et si acciderit esse dies Dominic' tunc in et super diem Lunæ prox' sequen' tenend' una cum Theolon' tolnet' Piccag' Stallag' et al' profic' ex humōi feria provenien' et emergen' ipsis p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgens' p̄d' et successoribus suis percipiend'. Nec non quod p̄fat' Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi

pred' et successores sui hēant percipiant et gaudeant ac hēre percipere et gaudere valeant et possint imperp' oia et oīd' Theolon' quæcumq' in specie et genere pro oībus et oīd' granis et frumentis quibuscumq' que imposterum tam ad pred' antiquas ferias sive Nundin' et Mercat' quam ad pefat' novam feriam sive Nundin' sive eorum aliqu' product' forent sive vendicōi exponentur ante vendicoem eorundem.

ET VOLUMUS ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Ordinamus Confirmamus et Concedimus qd' dict' Burg' nr' de Preston ac Circuit' et procinct' ejusdem et Jurisdic' inde de cetero extendent et protendent ac extendere et protendere valeant et possint tam in longitudine et latitudine qm' in circuitu ad tales consimiles ac hujusmodi bundas metas et limites ad quales et quas ac prout dict' Burg' de Preston ac Circuit' et procinct' ejusdem ac Jurisdici' inde a tempore cujus contrarii memoria Hom' non existit extenserunt et protenserunt ac extendere et protendere consueverunt Et qd' bene licebit Majori Ball' et Burgens' dict' Burgi de Preston et Successoribus suis de tempore in tempus preambulacōem inde facere pro vera et meliori cognicōe inde hēnd' tocies quociens eis necessar' fieri videbitur Et hoc absque aliquo Warrant' proinde a nob' Hered' vel Successoribus nrīs in hac parte impretand' seu proseguēd'

ET ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nrā spiali ac ex certa Sciencia et mero Motu nrīs **DEDIMUS** et **CONCESSIMUS** ac per Presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs **DAMUS** et **CONCEDIMUS** Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successo-

ribus suis Licenciam sp̄ialem libamque et licitam Potestatem Facultatem et Authoritatem hēnd' recipiend' et perquirend' sibi et Successoribus suis imper'tuum Maneria Messuagia Terras Tēnta Prata Pascuas Pasturas Boscos Subboscos Rcōrias Decimas Redditus Revencōes et al' Hereditamen' quecunque infra Regnum nrm' Anglie sive alibi infra Dominia nr̄a tam de nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is qm' de aliqua alia persona sive aliquibus aliis personis quibuscunque Duinōdo eadem Maneria Messuagia Terr' Tēnta Prata Pascua Pastur' Bosci Subbosci Rcōrie Decime Redditus Revencōes Servicia et al' Hereditamenta sic ut prefertur per ip̄os hēnd' perquirend' et recipiend' non excedunt in toto clarum Anūum Redditum seu Valorem Quingentarum Librarum per Ann' ultra om̄ia alia Onera et Reprisas Statut' de Terris et Tentis ad Manum mortuam non ponend' aut aliquo al' Statut' Actu Ordinacōe vel provisione antehac hīt' fact' ordinat' sive provis' aut aliqua al' Re Causa vel Materia quacunque in contrariu' inde in aliquo non obstante DAMUS ECIAM ac per presentes pro nob' Hered' et Successoribus nr̄is Concedimus cuicunque Subdito nr̄o et quibuscunque Subditis nr̄is Hered' et Successorum nr̄orum Licenciam sp̄ialem libamque et licitam Potestatem Facultatem et Authoritem qd' ip̄i et eorum aliquis sive aliqui Maneria Messuagia Terras Tentā Prata Pascua Pasturas Boscos Subboscos Rcōrias Decimas Redditus Revencōes Servicia et alia Hereditamenta quecunque p̄fat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predci et Successoribus suis dare vendere concedere legare et alienare possint et valeant Ita

tamen qd' omia predict' Maneria Messuagia Terr' Tentā Prata Pascua Pastur' Bosci Subbosci Rcōrie Decime Reddūs Revencōes Servicia et al' Hereditamenta sic ut prefertur eisdem Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi predcī et Successoribus suis virtute presencium danda concedenda vendenda leganda vel alienanda non excedunt in toto clarum Ann' Reditum seu valorem Quingentarum Librarum per Ann' ultra omia Onera et Reprisas Statut' de Terr' et Tēntis ad Manu' mortuam non ponend' aut aliqua alia Re Causa vcl Materia antehac hit' fact' edit' ordinat' sive provis' in contrariu' inde in aliquo non obstan'

ET ULTERIUS de ampliori Grā nrā ac ex certa Sciencia et mero motu nrīs Volumus ac per Presentes pro nōb' Hered' et Successoribus nrīs Concedimus et confirmamus pifat' Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predict' et Successoribus suis qd' ipī Burgum et Villam de Preston predict' cum omibus et singulis Membr' et pertin' Aceciam predict' Lib'tat' Consuetud' Privileg' Franches' Immunitates Exempcōes Quietan' et Jurisdiccōes superius recitat' sive specificat' necnon omia et singula eadem et hujusmodi Consuetudines Lib'tat' Privileg' Franches' Imūnitates Quietan' Exemcōes et Jurisdiccōes que Burgens' sive Major Ball' et Burgenses dict' Burgi de Preston pred' aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui per quecunque noīa sive quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporat' vel pretextu cujuscunque Corporacōis antehac l'time hūerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavisī fuerunt aut hēre tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt hūit tenuit usus vel gavisus fuit seu debuit rōne sive pretextu aliquarum

Cartarum aut Lrārum Paten' per nos aut aliquem progenitorum nrōrum Regum vel Reginarum hujus Regni nrī Angl' quoquo modo antehac fact' confirmat' vel concess' seu quocunque legali modo jure consuetud' usu prescripcōe sive titulo antehac usitat' hit' et consuet' Ac qd' predict' Major Ball' et Burgens' Burgi illius et Successores sui in et per nomen Major' Ball' et Burgens' Burgi de Preston in Com' Lancast' hēant et teneant utantur et gaudeant ac plene hēre tenere uti et gaudere valeant et possint imper'tuum Burgum et Villam de Preston cum omībus et singulis membr' et pertin' imper'tuum necnon omībus talibus et hujusmodi Manor' Messuag' Terr' Tent' Prat' Pasc' Pastur' Bosc' Subbosc' Rector' Decim' Reddit' Piscacōibus Lib'tatibus piscand' Revencōn' Servic' Hereditament' Consuetud' Lib'tatibus Coīs Franches' Imūnitatibus Exempcōibus Quietanc' et Jurisdiccōibus que et quibus Burgens' sive Ballivi et Burgenses sive Major Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi sive Ville de Preston aut eorum aliquis vel aliqui per quecunque noīa seu per quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporacōem aut pretextu cujuscunque Incorporacōis antehac litime hūerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavisī fuerunt aut hēre tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt hūit tenuit usus vel gavisus fuit sive debuit rōne sive pretextu aliquarum Cartarum et Lrārum Paten' per nos aut aliquem progenitorum nrōrum Regum vel Reginar' hujus Regni nrī Angl' quoquo modo antehac fact' vel concess' seu confirmat' aut quocunque alio legitimo modo jure seu consuetud' usu prescripcōe sive titulo antehac hit' seu usitat' vel consuet'

HEND' tenend' et gaudend' tam Burgum et Villam de Preston predict' ac omiã predict' Maner' Messuag' Terr' Tent' Prat' Pasc' Pastur' Bosc' Subbosc' Rector' dicimas Reddit' Piscationes Libertat' piscandi Revencões Servic' Hereditament' Consuetud' Lib'tates Coiã Privileg' Franches' Imūnitates Exemptiones Quietan' Jurisdiccōes ac cetera omiã premiss' cum suis per'tin pefat' Major Ball' et Burgens' Burgi predic' et Success' suis imper'tuum sub tenur' reddit' et solucōn' (si aliqui sint) proinde nobis debit' sive solubil' **VOLUMUS** insuper ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nr̄is concedimus pefat' Majori Ballivis et Burgensibus Burgi de Preston pred' et successoribus suis quod hēant et hēbunt has Lr̄as nr̄as paten' tam sub Magno Sigillo nr̄o Angliæ quam sub Sigillo Com' Pal' nr̄i Lancast' pred' in Ducat' nr̄o Lanc' debito modo fact' et Sigillat' **EO QUOD &c IN CUJUS rei &c TESTE &c DAT'** sub privato Sigillo nostro Apud palatium nrm Westm' Decimo Quarto die Januarii Anno Regni nr̄i tricesimo Sexto

February 27, 1817. Examined with the original Inrolment, of which this is a true Copy.

R. J. HARPER,

DUCHY OFFICE,

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LETTERS PATENT

*Of the Eighth Year of Queen Elizabeth.**

THE QUEEN *to all to whom, &c. greeting.* **WE HAVE** Elizabeth.
SEEN letters patent of confirmation by the lord Philip
and our most dear sister Mary, lately king and queen
of England, made in these words—

PHILIP and MARY, by the grace of God, king and Philip and
queen of England, Spain, France, both Sicilies, Jeru- Mary.
salem and Ireland, defenders of the faith, archdukes of
Austria, dukes of Burgundy, Milan, and Brabant,
counts of Haspurg, Flandres, and Tirol, *to all to whom*
these present letters shall come, greeting. **WE HAVE**
SEEN a charter of confirmation by the lord Henry VI.
king of England, the progenitor of us the queen afore-
said, made in these words—

HENRY, by the grace of God, king of England and Henry VI.
France, and lord of Ireland, *to all to whom the present*

* These letters patent of Elizabeth (anno 1566), after reciting the exemplifications, and confirming the grants of former kings and queens, incorporate the inhabitants of Preston by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster.

letters shall come, *greeting*. WE HAVE SEEN a charter of confirmation by the lord Henry V. lately king of England, our progenitor, made in these words—

Henry V. HENRY, by the grace of God, king of England and France, and lord of Ireland, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, reeves, officers, and all his bailiffs, and liege-men, *greeting*. WE HAVE SEEN a charter of the lord H. lately king of England, our father, made in these words—

Henry IV. HENRY, by the grace of God, king of England and France, and lord of Ireland, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, reeves, officers, and all his bailiffs, and liege-men, *greeting*. WE HAVE SEEN the letters patent of the lord Richard II. after the conquest, lately king of England, to the burgesses of the town of Preston, made in these words—

Richard II. RICHARD, by the grace of God, king of England and France, and lord of Ireland, to all to whom the present letters shall come, *greeting*. WE HAVE SEEN a charter, which the lord Edward of illustrious memory, lately king of England, our grand father, ordered to be made for the burgesses of Preston, in these words—

Edward III. EDWARD, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, justices, sheriffs, reeves, officers, and all his bailiffs, and liege-men, *greeting*. WE HAVE SEEN a charter of the lord H. of illustrious memory, formerly king of England, our progenitor, made in these words—

Henry II. HENRY, by the grace of God, king of England, and duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and count of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, and all his officers and liege-men throughout

England, *greeting*. KNOW YE, that I have granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed to my burgesses of Preston, all the same liberties and free customs, which I have given and granted to my burgesses of Newcastle under Lyne. Wherefore I will and firmly command, that my aforesaid burgesses of Preston have and hold, well and in peace, freely and quietly, fully, and wholly, and honourably, both within the borough and without the borough, all those liberties and free customs (saving my right of administering justice) which the burgesses of Newcastle under Lyne have, as I have granted, and by my charter confirmed them to the aforesaid burgesses of Newcastle. Witnesses. The bishops G. of Ely, and I. of Norwich. The earls Godfrey de Luci, William de Maundeville, Ranulf de Glanville, Hugh de Crese, Ralf Fitzstephens, Bertrand de Verd, Hugh de Luci. At Winchester.*

WE HAVE SEEN ALSO a certain other charter, which the lord J. of illustrious memory, once king of England, our progenitor, made in these words—

JOHN, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of John. Ireland, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, count of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, reeves, and all his bailiffs, and liegemen, *greeting*. KNOW YE that we have granted, and by this our charter have confirmed to the burgesses of Preston, all the liberties and free customs, which the lord H. our father, gave, granted, and by his charter confirmed to the same burgesses, the whole toll of the

* The bishops are Geoffry Riddel, bishop of Ely, and John of Oxford, bishop of Norwich. Some of the other names are corrected from the subscriptions in Rymer.

Wapentake Hundred of Amounderness,* and a free fair at Preston, at the Assumption of St Mary, to last for eight days. Moreover we have granted to them the right of pasturage in the forest, which is called Fulwood, and out of the forest itself as much as they shall want towards building their town, on the view of our foresters. Wherefore we will and firmly command, that the burgesses aforesaid have and hold the aforementioned liberties and free customs, as well those which our father gave to them, as those which we have granted of our own gift, freely and quietly, fully and wholly, peaceably and honourably, after the best and most free manner, in which they ever held the said liberties in the time of king H. our father, and as the charter of the said H. and our charter, which we made to them while we were earl of Meriton, reasonably testify. Witnesses. G. archbishop of York. H. bishop of Sarum, R. bishop of St Andrew's, Robert, earl of Leicester, John de Pratell, Warin de Glapion. William de Cantilupe. Peter de Stock. Given by the hands of Simon, archdeacon of Wells, and of John de Grey, at Mans, the eighteenth of October, in the first year of our reign.†

WE HAVE SEEN ALSO a certain other charter, which the lord H. of illustrious memory, once king of England, our progenitor, made in these words—

Henry III. HENRY, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of Ireland, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and count of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, foresters, reeves,

* Theloneum is a payment in towns, markets, and fairs, for goods and cattle, bought and sold. According to Bracton (ii. 24.) it implies a liberty as well to take, as to be free from, toll.

† Anno 1199. This charter was given at Mans, in France.

ers, and all his bailiffs, and liege-men, *greeting.*
 Now YE that we have granted, and by this our charter have confirmed to our burgesses of Preston, all the liberties and free customs, which the lord H. our grandfather gave, granted, and by his charter confirmed to said burgesses. We have granted also to the said burgesses the whole toll of the Wapentake Hundred of Amounderness, and a free fair at Preston, at the assumption of St Mary, to last for eight days. Moreover we have granted to them the right of pasturage in the forest which is called Fulwood, and out of the said forest itself as much as they shall want towards building of a town, on the view of our foresters. Wherefore we will and firmly command, that the burgesses afore-said have and hold the aforesaid liberties and free customs, as well those which the lord H. our grandfather gave to them, as those others, which the lord John our father granted them of his own gift, freely and lawfully, fully and wholly, peaceably and honourably, in the best and the most free manner, in which they have held the said liberties in the time of the king H. our grandfather, and as the charter of king H. our grandfather, and of king John, our father (which they shew thereupon) reasonably testify. Witnesses. The said bishops, Joscelin of Bath, Richard of Sarum, Roger of Winton, Hugh de Burgh, earl of Kent, our justiciary, G. earl of Gloucester and Hereford, Ralph de Nicholas and Richard de Argent, our seneschals, Hugh de Neville, Henry de Cappel, and others. Witnessed by the hand of the reverend father, Ralf, bishop of Chichester, our chancellor, at Westminster, the tenth day of March, in the eleventh year of our reign.*

* Anno 1227.

Henry III. WE HAVE SEEN ALSO a certain other charter which the aforesaid Henry, our progenitor, made in these words—

HENRY, by the grace of God, king of England, lord of Ireland, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and count of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, earls, barons, justices, foresters, sheriffs, reeves, officers, and all his bailiffs, and liege-men, *greeting*. Whereas it is known to us by an inquisition which we caused to be taken by our sheriff of Lancaster, that three hundred and twenty-four acres of land, as well of the old as of the new purpresture,* which our burgesses of Preston in Amounderness have made under our enclosure of Fulwood, belong to our borough of Preston, and not to the said enclosure (which purpresture reaches to the following boundaries, to wit: along the rivulet of Ennisbrock at Ribbleton, as far as where that rivulet falls into the water of Sannocke, and so proceeding along that water of Sannocke as far as the old dyke, which is the division between Preston and Tulketh) we have granted, and by this our charter have confirmed for ourselves and our heirs, that the burgesses aforesaid and their heirs shall have that purpresture for ever; and that on the moor towards our wood of Fulwood, without the cover of the said wood, and within the said boundaries, they may break up ground, and bring it into cultivation as they shall please, without any impeachment of our foresters or verderors†: yet so, that

* Purpresture (from *pourprendre*, to take for one's own use,) signifies an encroachment on the rights or demesnes of the king. From this charter it appears, that the inhabitants of Preston had, at different times, enclosed or occupied lands which were claimed as belonging to the royal forest of Fulwood. These are now granted to them by Henry III.

† Verderor is one, whose office it is to look to the preservation of the

they come not within forty perches of the cover of the said wood. Saving also to the burgesses aforesaid, and their heirs aforesaid, their right of turbary and pasturage on the said moor, and of sufficient underwood* in the same wood, without waste or impeachment of our foresters, or verderors aforesaid. Wherefore we will and strictly command, for ourselves and our heirs, that our burgesses aforesaid, and their heirs, possess for ever the aforesaid purpresture, with its appurtenances, according to the boundaries and divisions aforesaid, together with the right of turbary, pasturage, underwood, and other liberties and free customs appertaining to the said purpresture, as is aforesaid. Witnesses. Guy of Lusignan, and William of Valence, our brothers; John de Grey; Master William de Kilkenny, archdeacon of Coventry; Robert de Muschegros; Robert Wallerand; Bartholomew Pecche; Eubulo de Montibus; Robert Le Norris; Ralf de Bakepuz; Imbert Pugeys, and others. Given under our hand, at Windsor, the twenty-ninth day of October, in the thirty-seventh year of our reign.†

Now WE, allowing and approving the donations, grants, and confirmations aforesaid, grant and confirm the same, as far as lies in us, for us and our heirs, accordingly as the aforesaid charters reasonably testify.

Confirmation of the former grants by Edward III.

WE HAVE GRANTED MOREOVER to the same burgesses, that they and their heirs shall have for ever a weekly market in the aforesaid town of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, on the Wednesday, and a fair in like

Additional grant by the same.

cert in the forest, that is of every thing bearing green leaves, and affording cover for deer.

* Clausura often means brushwood, to make fences or inclosures.

† Anno 1252.

manner every year, to last five days, to wit, on the vigil and the feast of the apostles Simon and Jude, and on the three days next following, provided that market and that fair be not to the prejudice of the adjoining markets, and adjoining fairs. Wherefore we will and strictly command, for ourselves and our heirs, that the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs, have the aforesaid market and fair at the aforesaid town, with all the liberties and free customs appertaining to such market and fair, unless that market and that fair be to the prejudice of the adjoining markets and adjoining fairs, as is aforesaid. Witnesses:—The reverend fathers, H. bishop of Lincoln, our chancellor; I. bishop of Ely; John De Warren, earl of Surrey; Roger De Mortemar, earl of March; Ralf Basset De Drayton; Gilbert Talbot; John De Wysham, steward of our household; and others. Given under our hand at Westminster, the twenty-seventh day of November, the second year of our reign.*

Confirmation
by
Richard
II.

Now WE, allowing and approving the donations, grants, and confirmations aforesaid, and all and every thing in the said charter of our grandfather aforesaid, grant and confirm by the tenor of these presents, the same for ourselves and our heirs, as far as lies in us, to our beloved the burgesses now being of the said town of Preston, and their heirs and successors, the burgesses of the same town, accordingly as the aforesaid charter reasonably testifies, and as the same burgesses and their predecessors were wont to use and enjoy the aforesaid liberties and free customs, and reasonably to have and to hold the aforesaid fairs, market, toll, prebure, right of pasturage, turbary, underwood, and

* Anno 1328.

all the other premises contained in the said charter. IN TESTIMONY of which, we have ordered these letters patent to be made. Witness myself, at Westminster, the twenty-seventh day of April, in the second year of our reign.*

Now **WE**, allowing and approving the aforesaid donations, grants, and confirmations, do grant and confirm by the tenor of these presents, the same for ourselves and our heirs, as far as in us lies, to our beloved the burgesses now being, of the said town of Preston, and their heirs and successors the burgesses of the same town, accordingly as such letters reasonably testify.

Confirmation
by
Henry IV.

MOREOVER BEING DESIROUS to shew still more abundant favour in this part to the said burgesses, we have granted, and by this our charter we have confirmed for ourselves and our heirs, to the same burgesses of the said town of Preston, and their heirs and their successors aforesaid, that if they or their predecessors or fore-runners by some chance have not hitherto fully used any one or some of the aforesaid liberties, acquittances, free customs, and grants contained in the charters and letters aforesaid, yet the burgesses themselves, their said heirs and successors, may from the present time fully enjoy and use all and every such liberties, acquittances, free customs, and grants, according to the tenor of the grants and confirmations aforesaid, without let or hinderance of us, or our heirs, justices, escheators, sheriffs, or other bailiffs or officers whomsoever. Witnesses. The reverend fathers, Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England; R. bishop of London; W. of Winton; I. of Ely; H. of Lincoln, our brother; E. of Exeter; Edmund, duke of York, our most

Additional
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the same.

* Anno 1379.

dear uncle ; Thomas de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick ; Henry de Percy, earl of Northumberland ; and Thomas de Percy, earl of Worcester ; our beloved clerk, John de Scarle, our chancellor ; John Norbury, our treasurer ; Thomas de Rainston, the steward of our household ; and Master Clifford, keeper of our privy seal, and others. Given under our hands at Westminster, the twenty-first day of February, the second year of our reign.*

Confirma-
tion by
Henry V.

Now we, allowing and approving the aforesaid donations, grants, and confirmations, do grant and confirm, by the tenor of these presents, the same for ourselves and our heirs, as far as in us lies, to our beloved the burgesses now being of the said town of Preston, and their heirs and successors, the burgesses of the same town, accordingly as the charters and letters aforesaid reasonably testify.

Additional
grant.

MOREOVER BEING DESIROUS to shew still more abundant favour in this part to the said burgesses, we have granted, and by this our charter, have confirmed for us and our heirs, to the same burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever, that although they or their predecessors the burgesses of the town aforesaid, by some chance have not hitherto fully used any one or some of the liberties, acquittances, free customs, and grants aforesaid, contained in the aforesaid charter and letters, yet the burgesses themselves, and their heirs and successors may for ever fully enjoy and use all and every the liberties, acquittances, free customs, and grants aforesaid, without let or hinderance of us, or our heirs, justices, escheators, sheriffs, or other bailiffs, or

* Anno 1401. The king's brother here mentioned was Henry Beaufort, then bishop of Lincoln, and afterwards of Winchester.

officers whomsoever. Witnesses. The reverend fathers T. H. archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England ; and our cousin H. of Winton, our most dear uncle, and our chancellor ; T. H. of Durham, N. of Bath and Wells, and H. of St David's ; our most dear brother Thomas, duke of Clarence ; our most dear cousin Edward, duke of York ; our cousins Thomas, earl of Arundel, our treasurer ; Henry Fitzhugh, our chamberlain ; Thomas Erpingham, the steward of our household ; and Master John Prophet, keeper of our privy seal, and others. Given under our hand at Westminster, the seventeenth day of February, in the first year of our reign.*

Now we, allowing and approving the aforesaid charters and letters, and all and every the things contained therein, accept and approve them, as far as in us lies, for ourselves and our heirs, and by the tenor of these presents ratify and confirm them to our beloved Thomas Walle, and the burgesses of the same town, and their heirs and successors, accordingly as the charters and letters aforesaid reasonably testify. IN TESTIMONY of which we have ordered these letters patent to be made. Witnesses ourselves, at Westminster the thirtieth day of June, in the fourth and fifth years of our reigns.†

Confirmation by Philip and Mary.

AND WHEREAS our said borough of Preston is an ancient borough, and the inhabitants of the said borough from time, of which the contrary does not exist in the memory of man, have peaceably had, held and enjoyed rights, jurisdictions, franchises, liberties, acquittances, and privileges, and certain other customs, liberties, im-

Additional grant.

* Anno 1414.

† Anno 1557.

munities, and jurisdictions, as well by prescription, as by reason and pretence of the aforesaid charters, grants, and confirmations, made in ancient times by our progenitors the kings of England aforesaid, to the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough aforesaid, as we are informed: AND WHEREAS our beloved subjects the inhabitants of the said borough have now humbly besought us to shew and extend to them graciously and liberally our royal munificence and favour, and that for the rule and better government, and melioration of the same borough to the same inhabitants, we would deign to make, reduce, and create them into another body corporate and political; WE THEREFORE, the queen aforesaid, considering that the aforesaid borough of Preston is an ancient and populous borough, and wishing that for the future, some certain and unquestionable manner of keeping our peace, and the rule and government of our people in the said borough should be established therein, and that the said borough for all future times should be and remain a borough of peace and tranquillity, to the fear and terror of the bad, and the reward of the good, and also that our peace, and the other acts of justice may be preserved and done therein without any further delay; of our special favour, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, We WILL, ordain, appoint, and grant, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, will, ordain, appoint, grant, and declare, that our borough aforesaid of Preston shall be and remain for ever hereafter a free corporate borough in deed, fact, and name for ever, of one mayor, two bailiffs, and the burgesses, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the borough of Preston in the county of Lancaster; and that the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that bo-

of incorporation,

rough shall be hereafter one commonalty, and one body corporate and political, in deed, fact, and name for ever, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster; and that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the same borough for the time being, and their successors, for ever hereafter, be and shall be one body corporate and one perpetual commonalty, and shall have with perpetual succession, successors for ever: and by these presents we really and fully CREATE, raise, ordain, make, appoint, declare, and incorporate them, the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, one commonalty, and one body corporate and political.

AND WE WILL, and by these presents for ourselves and our heirs we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and their successors, that they and their successors, under the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, may and can implead and be impleaded, sue and be sued, defend and be defended, answer and be answered, in all our courts and places, and those of our heirs and successors, and in all other courts and places whatsoever, as well within this our kingdom of England, as elsewhere within our other dominions whatsoever, both in all and singular exactions, suits, complaints, causes, and demands, real, personal or mixt, and in all and singular other causes, concerns, and matters whatsoever. And that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, may and shall have a common seal for doing and transacting all their causes and concerns, and that it may and shall be lawful for them and their successors to break, change, and make anew that seal at their pleasure; and that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, under the name

power to
plead, &c.

to have a
common
seal,

to acquire
lands, &c. of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, may and shall be persons able and capable in law to acquire, receive, and take for themselves and their successors, or otherwise, demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, revenues, hereditaments, liberties, franchises, rights, jurisdictions, and privileges whatsoever, which are held of us immediately in chief, or otherwise by military service.

Twenty-
four prin-
cipal bur-
gesses. **AND WE ALSO WILL,** and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses and their successors, that hereafter there may and shall be twenty-four men of the more discreet and worthy men of the said borough of Preston, who shall be assisting and aiding to the said mayor and bailiffs of the said borough for the time being, in causes and matters appertaining to the same borough, who shall be and shall be called the principal burgesses of the same borough, and shall be the common council of the said borough, to make and enact from time to time, by themselves, or by the greater part of them, with the mayor of the said borough for the time being, statutes, acts and ordinances touching and concerning the public advantage and profit of the same borough, and the inhabitants thereof for the time being, and for the better rule and government of the men and causes, things and concerns of the said borough for the time being. And that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough for the time being may from time to time, according to their discretion, make, appoint, and admit other burgesses from among the more worthy inhabitants of that borough to be burgesses of the same borough.

Common council.

Power to
make bye-
laws. **MOREOVER WE WILL** and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors we grant to the afore-

said mayor, bailiffs, burgesses and their successors, that they and their successors, by their common council or the major part thereof, have full authority, power, and faculty of passing, appointing, ordaining, making, and establishing from time to time, such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, as according to their wholesome discretion shall seem to them, or to the major part of them, good, salutary, useful, becoming, and necessary, for the good rule and government of the mayor, bailiffs, and capital burgesses, and all other the burgesses of the borough aforesaid: and to determine in what manner and order the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, capital burgesses, and all other and singular the servants, officers, burgesses, artisans, inhabitants, and residents of that borough shall have and carry, and behave themselves in their respective offices, functions, services, arts and trades, within the aforesaid borough and its liberties, for the time being: and moreover for the greater advantage, and public utility, and good government of the aforesaid borough, and the provisioning of the same borough, and also for the better preservation, administration, disposition, letting, and leasing of the lands, tenements, possessions, revenues, and hereditaments given, granted, or assigned, or hereafter to be given, granted, or assigned to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses and their successors, and the things and causes whatsoever touching or concerning the aforesaid borough, or the statutes, rights, and interest of the same borough, in any manner whatsoever. And that the mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and common council of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of them, as often as they shall have granted, made, ordained, or established in form aforesaid such laws,

institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, may and can make, ordain, determine, and provide, with respect to all delinquents against such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, such pains, punishments, and penalties, by corporal imprisonment, or fines and amercements, as to the mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and common council for the time being, or to the major part of them, shall best seem necessary and requisite, for the observance of the laws, ordinances, and constitutions aforesaid: and that they may and can levy and keep the same fines and amercements without any impeachment from us, our heirs and successors. Which laws, ordinances, constitutions, rights and institutes, so to be made as is aforesaid, we will to be wholly and severally observed, under the penalties to be contained in them: YET so, that such laws, ordinances, institutes and constitutions, be not repugnant nor contrary to the laws and statutes of our kingdom of England. And for the execution of our said will and grants in this part, we HAVE ASSIGNED, named, constituted and made, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we assign, name, constitute and make our beloved Evan Wallo, a burgess of the said borough, the first and present mayor of the borough aforesaid, willing, that the said Evan Walle shall continue in the office of mayor of the borough from the date of these presents to the feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, next coming, and from that feast until another burgess of the borough aforesaid shall be promoted to that office, and shall be sworn according to the ordinances and provisions expressed and specified below in these presents, if the same Evan Walle shall live so long.

and to punish delinquents.

Appointment of first mayor,

WE HAVE ALSO ASSIGNED, named, and constituted, ^{of the first bailiffs,} and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, do assign, name, constitute, and make our beloved Richard Banester, and William Robson, inhabitants of the aforesaid borough, to be the first and present bailiffs of the said borough, and that they shall be and remain in the office of bailiffs of the same from the date of these presents, till the aforesaid feast of St Wilfrid next following, and from the same feast until other burgesses of the aforesaid borough shall have been promoted to that office, and sworn according to the ordinances and provisions expressed and specified below in these presents, if the same Richard Banester, and William Robson, shall live so long.

MOREOVER WE HAVE ASSIGNED, named, made, and ^{and twelve of the principal burgesses.} constituted, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, do assign, name, ordain, constitute, and make our beloved Oliver Brerers, William Hodgekynson, Christopher Haidock, Thomas Typpynge, Thomas Walle, William Banester, Thomas Brerers, William Clayton, Henry Blundell, Richard Arram, Richard Banester, and John Hynde, inhabitants of the said borough of Preston, to be twelve principal burgesses of the same borough, and to be, on taking their corporal oath before the aforesaid Evan Walle, the present mayor, the aforesaid common council of the said borough, and we make, create, constitute, and declare, by these presents, the same persons twelve principal burgesses of the same borough, and of the common council of the borough aforesaid.

AND MOREOVER we will, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, that the mayor of the said borough of Preston ^{The mayor appointed clerk of the market,}

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for the time being, may and shall be the clerk of the market of the said borough and liberties of Preston: and that no other clerk of the market belonging to us or our heirs shall therein interfere in any wise in such office. And that the mayor of the said borough of Preston for the time being may, and shall for the future, be coroner within the same borough and the liberties and precincts thereof, to do and execute all and singular the things which appertain or ought to appertain to the office of any coroner within any county of this our kingdom of England, according to the laws and statutes of the said kingdom. And that no other coroner of us or our heirs shall therein enter in any wise on such office.

and justice
of the
peace.

MOREOVER we have also granted for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, that the mayor of the said borough, for the time being, shall be, during the time in which he shall happen to be in his office of mayor, our justiciary, and justiciary of our heirs and successors, for the preservation of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within the said borough, and that he shall have full power and authority to keep our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, and to do and execute all other things, which appertain to the office of a justice of our peace, and that of our heirs or successors, in any of our counties of England, to do and execute them for the good of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, and to keep and cause to be kept the quiet rule and wholesome government of our people, and of the people of our heirs and successors, in all and singular articles within the aforesaid borough, according to the force, form and effect of the statutes and ordinances thereupon made: And to

cause to be punished all those whom he shall find acting or transgressing against the force, form, and effect of the statutes and ordinances aforesaid; and to hear and determine all and singular things according to the law and custom of our kingdom of England, as fully and wholly, and in as ample manner and form, as justices of peace in the said county of Lancaster, or elsewhere, within our aforesaid kingdom, have had or exercised before these times, or shall have or exercise in future without the aforesaid borough and the liberties of the same.

MOREOVER of our further grace we will, and of our certain knowledge, and own motion we grant for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that a certain house within the said borough, vulgarly called the Toll-booth, otherwise the Moot-hall, be and shall be the common hall and house of the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, for ever, as well to make therein their assemblies and meetings, as to hold and treat therein all and every their courts, pleas, causes, matters, consultations, and affairs, whatsoever, from time to time.

Grant of a
common
hall.

AND ALSO of our more abundant favour, and of our certain knowledge and own motion, we grant by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston for the time being, or to the greater part of them, that from time to time, in every year henceforth for ever, in the week next before the feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, they meet, and may and can meet, in the aforesaid hall and house, or in some convenient place within the aforesaid borough; and that there

Election of
the mayor,

two persons of the more discreet and worthy inhabitants of the said borough, who are to be chosen and named, to wit, the one by the mayor, and the other by the capital burgesses of the same borough, there and then being present, shall corporally make oath before the mayor, that they, with convenient speed, will chuse and name twenty-four others of the more discreet burgesses, dwelling within the said borough, to chuse and name a new mayor, a new bailiff, to be called the town's baylie, and a new serjeant, to be called the town's serjeant. Which four and twenty persons, after they shall have been named and chosen, shall corporally make oath before the mayor, that they, with convenient speed, will chuse and name such a discreet person, being a burgess of the aforesaid borough, and dwelling in the same, as shall seem to them most proper for the advantage of the same borough, and for the maintenance and conservation of the liberties of the same, to be the mayor of the said borough; and one other fit person, being a burgess of the same borough, and dwelling within the same, or the liberties of the same, such as shall seem to them the most proper, to be a bailiff of the said borough; also such other discreet and fit person, being a burgess of the said borough, and dwelling within the liberties of the same, as shall seem to them necessary and proper, to be a serjeant, called the town's serjeant, in the aforesaid borough. And if the twenty-four men aforesaid cannot consent and agree together in their choice, then we will that the choice and consent of the major part of the same take effect, as was used heretofore. Which men so chosen to the separate offices of mayor, bailiff, and serjeant, before they shall be admitted to execute severally the said offices, shall separately take their corporal

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oaths, after their nomination and election aforesaid, before the mayor then being, in the presence of the bailiffs, and capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid then being present, to execute well and faithfully the said offices : and that, after such oaths thus separately taken, they may and can severally execute those offices for one whole year next ensuing.

AND MOREOVER we will, and for us, our heirs and successors we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, that if it happen that the mayor of the aforesaid borough, at any time within one year after he has been promoted and sworn to the office of mayor of the said borough, as is aforesaid, should die, or be removed from his office during the time in which he is mayor of the said borough, then and so often it be and shall be lawful for the aforesaid capital burgesses of the said borough for the time being, or for the major part of them, to meet in the said house or convenient place, on a certain day appointed beforehand within eight days next following the death or removal of the said mayor, and that they may and can therein name and appoint one of themselves for mayor of the aforesaid borough. And that the person so elected and promoted, shall have and execute that office during the rest of the same year, having first taken his bodily oath in the form aforesaid. And thus as often as the case shall happen.

If the
mayor die,
or be re-
moved.

AND WE WILL, and by these presents for ourselves our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough and their successors, that whatever person be elected hereafter to the office of mayor of the aforesaid borough, shall take and make his bodily oath before his last predecessor in the same office, if the same predecessor be living, and

then present ; but if the same predecessor be dead or absent at that time, then before the bailiffs and capital burgesses of the said borough there present, for the faithful execution of the said office of mayor of the borough aforesaid.

If the bailiff or serjeant die or be removed.

AND WE WILL MOREOVER, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said borough of Preston and their successors, that as often as, and whensoever it shall happen, that the bailiffs, or the serjeant of the said borough, called the town's serjeant, or one of them, within a year after that he or they have been promoted and sworn to the offices of bailiff and serjeant, (shall die*) or be removed from their offices, then and so often it be and shall be lawful for the mayor of the said borough, and the capital burgesses of the common council of the said borough, or the major part of them, to chuse and promote, within the eight days next following, another inhabitant, or other inhabitants of the aforesaid borough, into the place of him or them being dead or removed, in the manner and form aforesaid. And that he or they, so chosen and promoted, may have and execute the office or offices to which he or they may thus have been chosen, named, and promoted, during the remainder of the same year, having first taken his or their bodily oath, in the form aforesaid. And this as often as the case shall happen.

Election of the mayor's bailiff,

AND WE WILL, and by these letters for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough,

* These words are omitted in the attested copy.

that the mayor of the same borough for the time being, shall from time to time, whenever it shall so please him, name, chuse, and appoint one honest and fit person, being a burgess and inhabitant of the said borough, to be and bear the office of bailiff, called the mayor's baylie, as long as the same mayor shall be or remain in his office, to do all those things which appertain to such office of bailiff. Also that the aforesaid mayor for the time being, shall from time to time, whensoever it may so please him, name, chuse, and appoint one other fit person, a burgess and inhabitant within the borough aforesaid, to be and bear the office of sub-bailiff, called the serjeant at mace, or the mayor's serjeant, as long as the same mayor shall be in his office, or as long as it shall be his pleasure, for making, performing, and executing proclamations, arrests, processes, executions, and other things pertaining to his office within the said borough, and the limits, bounds, and precincts of the same, in like manner and form as the serjeants at mace in our city of London do and execute. And that the same serjeant at mace, so named, appointed, and chosen, may and can bear a mace engraven with our arms, within the limits and bounds of the said borough, during the time that he shall be in that office. And that every person whatsoever named and chosen, or to be named and chosen, both to the office of bailiff called the mayor's bailiff, and the office of serjeant at mace within the borough aforesaid, shall take and make his bodily oath before the mayor of the same borough for the time being, to exercise and execute his office well and faithfully.

and the ser-
jeant at
mace.

AND MOREOVER we will, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the

Penalty for
refusing to
serve.

aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, and to their successors, that if any person or persons hereafter shall be named or chosen to the offices of mayor, bailiff, and serjeant, 'called the Towne serjeant,' or other inferior officers of the borough aforesaid, or to any one or more of the same, and he or they having notice and knowledge of such election and nomination, shall refuse and reject the office to which he or they so refusing and rejecting have been elected or named, then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid mayor and capital burgesses of the said common council for the time being, or the greater part of them, to commit to prison in the aforesaid borough, him or them, so refusing and denying to execute the office or offices to which he or they has or have been thus chosen and named, therein to remain until he or they be willing to execute such office or offices; and to impose upon such recusant or recusants, such fines and amercements as shall seem reasonable to the same mayor and capital burgesses for the time being, or to the major part of them, and to commit him or them so recusant to the aforesaid prison, and to detain them therein, until he or they shall have paid, or have caused to be paid, the same fines and amercements for the use of the borough aforesaid.

If any of the
capital
burgesses
die or be
removed.

AND FURTHER we will, and for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain and grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and to their successors, that whensoever it shall happen that any one or more of the aforesaid twenty-four capital burgesses for the time being shall die, or be removed from his place of capital burgess, then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the mayor and other capital burgesses of the said borough still living or remain-

ing, or the greater part of the same, to chuse, name, and promote one or more other burgesses of the aforesaid borough, into the place or places of the capital burgess or burgesses, who has or have thus happened to die or to be removed, he or they having first taken his or their bodily oath before the mayor of the borough aforesaid: and they shall be of the number aforesaid of the twenty-four capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid. And this as often as the case may happen.

MOREOVER we have granted, and by these presents, ^{Grant of a gild-merchant,} for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we have confirmed to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, shall have a gild-merchant in the aforesaid borough, with all the liberties and free-customs appertaining to such a gild, as they have heretofore enjoyed.*

AND BESIDES we will, and by the present letters, for ^{of assize and assay, &c.} ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and to their successors, that they may and shall have within the same borough of Preston, and the bounds and liberties thereof, the assize and assay† of bread, wine, and beer, and other victuals, the ulnage and sealing of all cloths, weights and measures whatsoever‡, and the amendment and correction there-

* The members of a gild-merchant, besides other liberties, had that of holding certain pleas of land within their precincts.

† The power of fixing the price, and examining the quality of these articles.

‡ Ulnage and sealing imply the office of measurer of the length and breadth of every piece of cloth, and of the searcher, who, by seals, pointed out the faults in each.

of, and of all other things, belonging or appertaining to the office of our clerk of the market, and the clerk of the market of our heirs, together with the punishments and corrections of the same, and the power of doing and executing whatever appertains to that office, as often as, and whensoever it shall be expedient and necessary. And that they may and shall have all the fines, ransoms, and amercements, and all other profits arising therefrom, for the use and profit of the said borough, and the commonalty thereof.

of a court
every three
weeks.

AND FURTHER of our more abundant favour we will, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the mayor, bailiff, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they and their successors have and hold, and may and can have and hold a court in the said house called the Moot-hall, or in some other more convenient place in the said borough, to be held before the mayor, bailiffs, and seneschal of the same borough, every three weeks, on the Friday, for ever. And that in the same court they shall have full power and authority to hear and determine, by complaints in the same, concerning all and every kind of debts, accounts, covenants, and contracts, trespasses by force and arms or otherwise done in contempt of us or our heirs and successors, covenants, detentions, contempts, deceits, levyings of forbidden distress,* and other things and actions personal whatsoever, arising or hereafter to arise, happening or hereafter to happen in any manner within the said borough of Preston, and the bounds and limits thereof. And that the same mayor and bailiffs, and their successors,

* *Vetitum narium* is, when the bailiff, who has distrained beasts or goods, is forbidden by his lord to deliver them, when the sheriff comes to replevy them. The owner might demand satisfaction *de vetito nario*.

for such complaints, pleas, plaints, and actions, have full power, authority, and faculty of compelling those defendants to plead, against whom such complaints, pleas, or actions may happen to be raised or moved in their court, by summons, attachment, and distress, to be directed according to the custom of our city of London, to the serjeant at mace of the said borough for the time being. And in the case that such defendants have not chattels or lands within the said borough of Preston, the bounds and liberties thereof, where and by which they may be summoned, attached, and distrained, then by the attachment and caption of their bodies, according to the usual custom in our city of London. And to prosecute and determine the aforesaid actions, complaints, and pleas by proceedings, considerations, judgments, and executions of judgments, similar to those by which such pleas in our said city of London are prosecuted and determined. And the executions of processes and judgments shall be made by the aforesaid serjeant at mace. And that the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston and their successors, for the use and profit of the commonalty of the same borough, may and shall have and receive and levy all fines, amercements and other profits whatsoever forthcoming, arising, and happening of and in the aforesaid court, for the use and profit of the said borough and the commonalty thereof.

WE HAVE ALSO GRANTED, and by the present letters, ^{of receiving recognizances,} for ourselves, our heirs and successors, do grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough for the time being, have for ever in the said borough, power and authority of receiving all recognizances whatsoever between merchant

and merchant, and of doing execution thereupon, according to the statute of merchants lately enacted in the statutes of Acton Burnell; and that they have the nomination of the clerk and seal of the same statute, according to custom, and as they hitherto have had, and have been used to have.

of holding a
view of
frank-
pledge,

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we do give and grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, the view of frank-pledge* of all and every the inhabitants and residents, as well those who reside entirely, as those who do not reside entirely, within the said borough of Preston, and within the bounds and limits of the said borough, for the time being, and from time to time for ever. And all things belonging or appertaining to the view of frank-pledge to be held in the aforesaid common house called the Toll-booth, within the said borough of Preston, on the same days and at the same times, on and at which it shall seem to them proper and necessary, accordingly as has been accustomed from ancient times, together with all summonses, attachments, arrests, issues, amercements, fines, ransoms, profits, commodities, and other things whatsoever, which might or ought in any manner to belong therefrom to us, our heirs and successors.

of a weekly
market,

AND WE WILL, and by these present letters, for our-

* The power of holding a court, in which formerly all persons of the age of fourteen were bound with pledges or sureties for their truth to the king. The statute of 18 Ed. II. contains the different things to be inquired into in such courts.

selves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they, the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, have and hold, and may and can have and hold for ever, a market, to be holden every Saturday of each week, in the said borough of Preston, and two fairs to be holden and kept there every year, as heretofore has been accustomed, to wit, one of the said fairs to begin on the assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary, and to last during eight days; and the other of the said fairs on the vigil and feast of the apostles Simon and Jude, and for the five days next following, together with a court of Pie-poudre* to be holden in the same place at the times of the said fairs and market, together with the stallage, piccage,† fines, amercements, and all other profits, commodities, and emoluments, whatsoever appertaining, happening, arising, or belonging in and to such market, fairs, and court of Pie-poudre aforesaid, and with all liberties and free customs appertaining or belonging to such market or fairs, to be received and applied to the sole need, use, and benefit of the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, and the commonalty of the said borough of Preston for the time being.

AND WE WILL, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain and grant, that our said borough of Preston, and the circuit, precincts,

and two annual markets.

Circuit of Preston.

* A court of record held at fairs and markets, to do justice between buyers and sellers, and to redress disorders.

† Stallage is the money paid for the liberty of erecting stalls in markets and fairs: Piccage the money paid for breaking up the ground for similar purposes.

and jurisdiction thereof, shall for the future extend and reach, and may and can extend and reach, from thence, as well in length and breadth as in circuit, to such, the same and the like bounds, boundaries, and limits, to which the said borough of Preston, and the circuit and precincts, and jurisdiction thereof extend and reach, and have been accustomed to extend and reach from time beyond the memory of man. And that it shall be fully lawful for the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, from time to time, to make the perambulation or perambulations thereof, to have a true and better knowledge thereof, as often as it shall seem to them necessary to be done: and this without soliciting or obtaining any warrant for the purpose from us, our heirs or successors.

Perambulation of its bounds.

General grant.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, and certain knowledge, and own motion, we will, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, to *have, hold, and enjoy* the borough and town of Preston aforesaid, with all and singular its members and appurtenances, and also the aforesaid liberties, customs, privileges, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions recited or specified above, and moreover all and singular the same and such-like customs, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, and jurisdictions, which the burgesses of the said borough of Preston, or any one or more of them, by whatever name or names, whatever incorporation or incorporations, or by pretext of whatever incorporation, have severally or collectively had, held, or

enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, or enjoyed, through reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent, in any wise made, confirmed, or granted by us, or any of our progenitors the kings of this kingdom of England, or in any legal manner, by right, custom, use, prescription, or title hitherto had, used, and accustomed. And that the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancashire, have and hold, use and enjoy, and may and can fully have, use and enjoy, for ever, the borough and town of Preston, with all and singular its members and appurtenances, for ever, of us, our heirs and successors, under the ancient rent and farm due to us, and to be paid before the date of these letters, and also all and such lands, tenements, fishings, liberties, fisheries, hereditaments, customs, liberties, commodities, privileges, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions, which the burgesses of the town of Preston, or any one or more of them, by whatever name or names, or by whatever incorporation, or by pretence of whatever incorporation, have had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, and enjoyed, by reason or pretence of any charters, or letters patent in any wise heretofore made, or granted, or confirmed by us, or any of our progenitors, kings of this our kingdom of England, or in any other legal manner, by right or custom, use, prescription, or title heretofore had, or used, or accustomed: TO HAVE, to hold and enjoy as well the borough and town of Preston aforesaid, as all the aforesaid lands, tenements, fishings, customs, liberties, commodities, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, jurisdictions, and all other the premises with their appurtenances aforesaid,

Habendum.

unto the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough
 Tenendum. aforesaid, for ever: *To hold* of us, our heirs and suc-
 cessors, by the ancient firm specified above, in lieu of
 all other services, exactions, and demands whatsoever,
 to be rendered, paid, or made therefrom, to us, our
 heirs and successors. BECAUSE THAT express mention,
 &c. Any act, statute, ordinance, or provision, to the
 contrary thereof notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, &c. WITNESS THE QUEEN,
 at the town of St Albans, xxiii day of August.

By writ of the Privy Seal.

LETTERS PATENT

*Of the fourteenth Year of Charles II.**

THE KING TO ALL TO WHOM, &c. GREETING. WHERE-
 AS our borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster,
 is an ancient borough, and the mayor, bailiffs, and
 burgesses of the same borough, under divers separate
 names, have had, used, and enjoyed, and have, use,
 and enjoy, divers liberties, franchises, immunities,
 customs, pre-eminences, and other hereditaments, as
 well by divers charters and letters patent of divers our
 progenitors and predecessors lately kings and queens of
 England, and of other persons, as by reason of divers
 prescriptions and customs used, had, and approved in
 the same borough, from time the contrary whereof is
 not in the memory of man : AND WHEREAS our beloved
 subjects the present mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of
 that borough have most humbly petitioned us, that for
 the better rule and the melioration of the same borough,
 we would shew and extend in this part to the same
 mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid,
 our royal favour and munificence, and that, (by what-
 ever name or names they have been incorporated here-
 tofore, or whether they have been incorporated here-
 tofore or not,) we would deign, by our letters patent,
 to make, reduce, constitute, confirm, or create anew

Considera-
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the mayor,
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* Anno 1637.

Incorporation.

them, the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, into one body corporate and political, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster, with such additions and alterations of the liberties, privileges, immunities, and franchises of the same borough, and in such manner and form, as to us shall seem expedient for the better rule and the melioration of that borough: THEREFORE we having considered the premises, and willing that for the future one certain and unquestionable manner should be continually observed in our said borough of and for the custody of our peace, and the rule and government of our people therein, and that the same borough, in all future times, may be and remain a borough of peace and tranquillity, to the fear and terror of the bad, and the protection and reward of the good; *and also*, that our peace, and the other acts of justice, may be kept and done therein, without any further delay, HAVE, of our special grace, and certain knowledge, and our own motion, WILLED, ORDAINED, CONSTITUTED, AND GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, DO WILL, ORDAIN, CONSTITUTE, GRANT, AND DECLARE, that our aforesaid borough of Preston shall be, and remain for ever hereafter, a free borough: And that the said borough, and the mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the same borough, shall be and remain incorporated for ever, in deed, fact, and name, of one mayor, two bailiffs, and twenty-four capital burgesses, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster: And that the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, shall be hereafter one commonalty, and one body corporate and political in deed, fact, and name,

for ever, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster: And that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the same borough, for the time being, and their successors, for ever hereafter, be and shall be one body corporate, and one perpetual commonalty, in deed, fact, and name, and have a perpetual succession. And by these presents, we create, erect, ordain, make, constitute, confirm, declare, and incorporate them, the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, one commonalty, and one body corporate and political, really, and to the full.

With perpetual succession,

AND WE WILL, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, and to their successors, that they and their successors may and can implead, and be impleaded, sue, and be sued, defend, and be defended, answer, and be answered, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, in all our courts and places, and those of our heirs and successors, and in other courts and places whatsoever, as well within this our kingdom of England, as elsewhere within our other dominions wheresoever, both in all and singular exactions, suits, complaints, causes, and demands, real, personal, or mixt, and in all and singular other causes, affairs, and matters whatsoever. And that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, may and shall have one common seal, for doing and transacting all their causes and affairs, and that it be and shall be fully lawful for them and their successors, to break that seal at their pleasure, to change it, and to make it anew.

Power to plead, &c.

To have a common seal,

To acquire
lands, &c.

AND FURTHER, that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, be and shall be persons able and capable in law to acquire, receive, have, and take for themselves and their successors, in fee and perpetuity, or for a term of life or lives, or years, or otherwise, demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, revenues, hereditaments, liberties, franchises, rights, jurisdictions, and privileges whatsoever, and also goods and chattels, and all other things of whatsoever kind, nature, species, or quality they may be: and also to give, grant, lease, and assign the same demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels, and to do and execute all other acts and things by the name aforesaid.

To have a
mayor,

AND ALSO WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT and CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that for ever hereafter there be and shall be in the borough aforesaid, one of the more worthy and discreet men of that borough, to be chosen from time to time, in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be, and shall be called the mayor of that borough. And that in like manner there be, and shall be within that borough, two other of the more worthy and discreet men of the said borough, to be chosen from time to time, in the form mentioned below, in like manner, who shall be, and shall be called the bailiffs of that borough: to wit: one of them 'the town bayley,' and the other of them 'the mayor's bayley' (as heretofore has been accustomed). And that in like manner there be, and shall be within the aforesaid borough, twenty-four men

and two
bailiffs,

and twenty-four
capital
burgesses.

of the more worthy and discreet men of the said borough of Preston, who shall be assisting and aiding to the said mayor, and bailiffs of the same borough, for the time being, in causes and matters touching the same borough, and who shall be, and shall be called, the capital burgesses of the same borough, and shall be the common council of the said borough, for statutes, acts, and ordinances, touching and concerning the public advantage and commodity of the said borough, and the inhabitants thereof, for the time being, to be made and enacted from time to time by them or the major part of them, with the mayor of that borough for the time being, for the better government and rule of the men and causes, things, and affairs of the said borough, for the time being.

Common
council.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT and confirm to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors, by their common council, or the major part of the same, for the time being, have and shall have full authority, power, and faculty of enacting, constituting, ordaining, making, and establishing, from time to time, such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, as to them, or the major part of them, for the time being, shall, according to their wholesome discretion, appear to be good, salutary, useful, becoming, and necessary, for the good rule and government of the mayor, bailiffs, and capital burgesses, and all other the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough aforesaid, for the time being; and to declare in what manner and order the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, capital burgesses, and all other and singular the servants, officers, artisans, inhabitants, and residents of

Power to
make bye-
laws,

that borough shall have, carry, and behave themselves in their offices, functions, services, crafts, and businesses, within the said borough, and the liberties of the same for the time being ; and otherwise for the further good and public advantage, and good government of that borough, and the provisioning of the same, and also for the better preservation, administration, disposition, letting and leasing of the lands, tenements, possessions, revenues, and hereditaments of the said borough, or which have been given, granted, or assigned, or which hereafter shall be given, granted, or assigned to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors ; and of all other things and causes whatsoever touching, or in any manner concerning, the borough aforesaid, and the statutes, rights, and interests of the same borough. And that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors, by their common council of the aforesaid borough, for the time being, or the major part of them, may and can, as often as they shall have enacted, made, ordained, and established in the form aforesaid, such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, make, ordain, determine, and provide such pains, punishments, and penalties, by imprisonment of body, or fines and amercements, or both, against and upon the delinquents against such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances and constitutions, or any one or more of them, as shall appear to the same mayor and common council, for the time being, or the major part of them, best, necessary, and requisite for the observance of the aforesaid laws, ordinances, and constitutions ; and may and can levy and have the same fines and amercements, without any let of us, our heirs and successors. All which

and to punish delinquents.

and singular the laws, ordinances, constitutions, rights, and institutes, to be made so as is aforesaid, we will to be observed, under the penalties to be contained therein: Yet so, that such laws, ordinances, institutes, and constitutions be not contrary but agreeable to the laws and statutes of our kingdom of England.

And for the better execution of our said will and grants in this part, WE HAVE ASSIGNED, NAMED, CONSTITUTED and MADE, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, DO ASSIGN, NAME, CONSTITUTE, and MAKE our beloved James Hodgkinson, a burgess of the borough aforesaid, the first and present mayor of the borough aforesaid; willing that the same James Hodgkinson shall be and continue in the office of mayor of the aforesaid borough, from the date of these presents to the feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, next following, and from the same feast until another burgess of the aforesaid borough shall have been promoted, and sworn to, and in the same office, according to the ordinances and provisions expressed and specified below in these presents: if the same James Hodgkinson shall live so long.

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WE HAVE ALSO ASSIGNED, named and constituted, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, DO ASSIGN, name, constitute, and make our beloved Richard Hodgkinson, and James Abbott, inhabitants of the borough aforesaid, to be the first and present bailiffs of the said borough. And that they shall be and remain in the office of bailiffs of the said borough, from the date of the present letters to the aforesaid feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, then next following, and from the said feast until other burgesses of the said borough shall have been promoted, and sworn to and in that office, according to the ordinances

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and provisions expressed and specified below in these presents: if the same Richard Hodgkinson and James Abbott shall live so long.

and of
twelve
capital
burgesses,

ALSO WE HAVE ASSIGNED, named, made, and constituted, and by these presents, for ourselves, heirs and successors, do ASSIGN, name, ordain, constitute, and make our beloved William Banister, William Turber, Luke Hodgkinson, Seth Blackhurst, William Lemon, William Hodgkinson, Thomas Martin, Lawrence Wall, Thomas Werden the elder, Thomas Rishton, Silvester Ingham the elder, and William Werden the elder, inhabitants of the said borough, to be twelve capital burgesses of the said borough.

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others.

AND WE WILL, and for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, and their successors, by these presents, that it be and shall be fully lawful to the mayor of the aforesaid borough for the time being, and the aforesaid capital burgesses of the same borough above-named, and the greater part of them, (of whom we will that the mayor of the same borough for the time being shall be one,) in virtue of the present letters, to name and elect twelve other of the more worthy and discreet men, inhabitants of that borough, to be, together with the aforesaid twelve men last above-named, capital burgesses of the same borough. Which twelve persons last above named, and twelve other persons to be named and elected in the form aforesaid, may and shall be, and by force of the present letters are, made and constituted the first twenty-four capital burgesses of our borough of Preston aforesaid. And WE WILL, that they and every of them, and every other person to be hereafter named and elected to that office by virtue of these presents, after their oaths duly and respec-

tively made in this part, according to the tenor of the present letters, be, shall be, and shall continue capital burgesses of that borough, for and during their natural lives, and the natural life of each one of them respectively, unless in the mean while they, or some one of them, for his or their bad behaviour in his or their office, or for some other reasonable cause, be removed therefrom by the mayor and the rest of the capital burgesses of that borough, or the major part of them, for the time being. And we will, that in such case and cases, the capital burgesses of the borough above-named, or those hereafter to be elected by virtue of these letters, shall be removeable in the form aforesaid.

Capital
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AND FURTHER, WE WILL AND DETERMINE, by these presents, that all the capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid, whether those named above, or those to be hereafter named and elected by virtue of these presents, shall, before they are in any wise admitted into that office of capital burgesses, all and every one, take their corporal oaths upon the holy gospel of God, before the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, to execute well and faithfully that office in all things according to the duty of the said office. (To which mayor, for the time being, we give and grant by these presents, full power and authority of tendering and administering such oaths, as well to the capital burgesses aforesaid, as to all and every other person and persons hereafter to be named and elected into the office of capital burgesses in virtue of these presents.)

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AND FURTHER WE WILL, that the capital burgesses of our borough of Preston aforesaid, for the time being, together with the mayor of the same borough for the time being, be and shall be the common council of that

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borough. And by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we make, create, constitute, and declare them, the aforesaid capital burgesses of our borough of Preston aforesaid, for the time being, together with the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, the common council of the said borough.

Mayor to
be clerk of
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AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that the mayor of the said borough of Preston, for the time being, be and shall be clerk of the market of the said borough, and the liberties and precincts thereof; and that no other clerk of the market of us, our heirs or successors, shall therein interfere in any wise in such office, except in the presence of us, our heirs and successors. And that the mayor of the said borough of Preston, for the time being, hereafter be, and shall be our coroner within the same borough, and the liberties and precincts thereof, to do and execute all and singular the things therein, which by the laws and statutes of our kingdom of England, appertain, or ought to appertain, to the office of coroner, within any of the counties of the said kingdom. And that no other coroner of us, our heirs and successors, shall therein interfere in any wise in such office.

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peace.

MOREOVER WE HAVE GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, during the time that he shall happen to be in the office of mayor of the said borough, shall be justiciary of us, our heirs and successors, to keep our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within the said borough aforesaid, and that

he have, and shall have full power and authority to keep therein our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, and to do and execute therein all other things, which in any of our counties of England belong to be done and executed by a justice of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, for the good of our peace and that of our heirs and successors, and for the quiet rule and wholesome government of our people, and the people of our heirs and successors, in all and singular articles to be kept, or caused to be kept within the aforesaid borough, according to the force, form, and effect of the statutes and ordinances enacted on that part: and to cause to be punished according to those statutes and ordinances, and the law of the land, all those whom he shall find acting or transgressing against the force, form and effect of those statutes and ordinances: and of hearing and determining all and every of those things according to the laws and customs of our kingdom of England, so fully and wholly, and in as ample manner, and form as justices of the peace, in our said county of Lancaster, or elsewhere, within our kingdom of England, have heretofore had and exercised, or may lawfully have and exercise hereafter, without the aforesaid borough and the liberties thereof.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, WE WILL, and of our certain knowledge, and our own motion, we grant, by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that a certain house within the said borough, vulgarly called the Toll-bothe, otherwise the Moot-hall, be and shall be the common hall and house of the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and of their successors for ever, as well to make their meetings and assemblies in the same, as to hold and

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transact therein, from time to time, all and every their courts, pleas, causes, matters, deliberations, and affairs whatsoever.

Election of
a new
mayor, AND ALSO, of our more abundant favour, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they or the major part of them, for the time being, meet, and may and can meet, from time to time, in every year henceforth for ever, in the week next preceding the aforesaid feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, in the aforesaid hall and houses, or in some other convenient place within the said borough: And there two persons of the more worthy and discreet inhabitants of the said borough, who, as has heretofore been accustomed, are to be chosen and named by them, (to wit:) one by the mayor, and the other by the capital burgesses of the said borough then and there present, shall corporally make oath before the mayor of the said borough, for the time being, that they with convenient speed will name and chuse twenty-four of the other more discreet and worthy burgesses, inhabitants within the borough aforesaid, to elect and name a new mayor, a new bailiff, called 'the town baylye,' and a new serjeant called 'the town serjeant.' Which four and twenty persons, after they shall have thus been named and elected, shall corporally make oath before the mayor of the said borough, for the time being, that they with convenient speed will elect and name such a discreet person, being a burgess of the borough aforesaid, and dwelling in the same, as shall seem to them most fitting for the advantage of the borough aforesaid, and for the maintenance, and preservation of the liberties of the same, to be the

mayor of the said borough: and one other fit person, and town bailiff, being a burgess of the same borough, and dwelling within the same, or the liberties thereof, as shall appear to them proper, to be the bailiff of the said borough, called 'the town baylye;' and also such other discreet and fit person, being a burgess of the same borough, and dwelling within the same, or the liberties of the same, as shall appear necessary and proper to them, to be the serjeant, called 'the town serjeant' in the borough aforesaid. And if the aforesaid twenty-four men cannot consent and agree together in the aforesaid election, then we will that the consent and election of the major part of the same shall take effect, as heretofore has been customary. (To which mayor of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, we give and grant by the present letters full authority and power of tendering and administering the aforesaid oaths to the aforesaid several persons from time to time respectively.) Which men thus elected, or to be elected, to the several offices of mayor, bailiff and serjeant, before they are admitted to execute these several offices, shall all and every one corporally make oath to execute those offices, well and faithfully, in the form specified below in these presents: and after such oaths thus severally taken, they may and can execute those offices severally for one entire year then next following.

AND MOREOVER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that, if it happen that the mayor of the borough aforesaid, at any time within one year after he has been promoted and sworn to the office of mayor of the borough aforesaid, as is said before, should die, or be removed from his office during

the time in which he is mayor of the same borough,
 (which mayor of that borough, for the time being, it is
 our will shall be removeable for his bad behaviour in
 that office, or for any other reasonable cause, by the
 capital burgesses of that borough, or the major part
 of them, for the time being) then and so often it be,
 and shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid capital bur-
 gesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being,
 or the major part of the same, to meet in the said
 house or place, or other convenient place within the
 borough aforesaid, on a certain day prefixed or to
 be prefixed within eight days next following the
 death, or such removal of the mayor, and that
 there they may and can elect, and name, and appoint
 one of themselves to be mayor of the aforesaid borough.
 And that the person so chosen and promoted have
 and execute that office during the remainder of the
 same year (having first taken his corporal oath in the
 form specified below) and this as often as the case may
 happen.

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AND WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves,
 our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid
 mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid,
 and their successors, that every person of the borough
 aforesaid, who hereafter shall be elected to the office of
 mayor of the borough aforesaid, shall make and take
 the several corporal oaths upon the holy gospel of God,
 before his last predecessor in the same office, if the same
 predecessor be alive and then present, but if the
 same predecessor be then dead or absent, then before
 the bailiffs and capital burgesses of the borough afore-
 said, for the time being, or the greater part of the same,
 being then and there present, as well for the faithful
 execution of the office and offices of mayor, and clerk

of the market, and of our coroner in that borough, as of the office of a justice of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, to be preserved there within the same borough. To which predecessor in the office of mayor of that borough, and to which bailiffs and capital burgesses of the same borough for the time being, and to the greater part of them, by these presents, we give and grant full authority and power of tendering and administering, from time to time, such oaths to every person, hereafter chosen or to be chosen after the aforesaid form, to the office of mayor of that borough.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant and confirm to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that as often as and whensoever it shall happen, that the bailiff, called 'the town baylye', and the serjeant of the said borough, called 'the town serjeant' or either of them, shall die within one year after that he or they has or have been promoted and sworn to those offices of bailiff and serjeant, as is said before, or within that time shall have been removed from those offices, or either of them respectively, then and so often it be, and shall be fully lawful for the mayor of the said borough, and the capital burgesses of the same borough (being the common council of the same borough) or for the major part of them, for the time being, within eight days then next following, to chuse and promote, in the manner and form described above, one other or others, inhabitants of the borough aforesaid, into the place or places of him or them, so dying or removed, and that he or they so chosen and promoted, have and execute, during the remainder of the same year, that office or those offices, to which he or they respectively have been elected,

If the town
bailiff or
town ser-
jeant die,
or be re-
moved.

named, and promoted. And this so often as the case shall so happen.

Oaths of
bailiff, and
serjeant.

AND WE WILL, that all and every the person and persons hereafter elected, named, and promoted to such office or offices last mentioned, before he or they enter in any wise on that office or those offices, shall take his or their corporal oath or oaths, upon the holy gospel of God, before the mayor of the aforesaid borough, for the time being, for the due execution of that or those office or offices respectively. To which mayor, for the time being, we give and grant by these present letters, full power and authority of tendering and administering from time to time, such oaths in the form aforesaid.

Appoint-
ment of
mayor's
bailiff,

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors, that the mayor of the same borough for the time being shall, from time to time, whensoever it shall so please him, name, elect, and appoint one decent and fit person, being a burgess, and dwelling within the said borough, to be, and bear the office of bailiff, called 'the mayor's baylye,' as long as the same mayor shall be or remain in his office, to do all those things, which appertain to such office of bailiff. Also that the mayor aforesaid, for the time being, shall, from time to time, whensoever it shall so please him, name, elect, and appoint one other fit person, a burgess, and dwelling within the borough aforesaid, to be, and bear the office of sub-bailiff, called the serjeant at mace, or 'the mayor's serjeant,' as long as the same mayor shall be in his office, or as long as it shall so please him, to make, perform, and execute proclamations, arrests, processes, executions, and other things appertaining to his office within the said borough, and

and serjeant
at mace.

the limits, bounds and precincts of the same, in like manner and form as the serjeants at mace in our city of London do make and execute. And that the same serjeant at mace so named, appointed, and elected, may and can bear a mace engraven with our arms, within the limits and bounds of the said borough, during the time that he shall be in that office. And that every ^{Their oaths.} person named and elected, or to be named and elected, as well to the office of bailiff, called 'the mayor's baylye,' as to the office of serjeant at mace within the said borough, shall make and take his corporal oath before the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, to execute and exercise his office well and faithfully. To which mayor of that borough, for the time being, we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to tender and administer such oath in the form aforesaid, from time to time.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these present letters, <sup>Punish-
ment of
persons re-
fusing to
serve.</sup> for ourselves, our heirs and successors, as far as lies in us, WE GRANT AND CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that if one or more of the persons, who shall hereafter be named and elected to the office of the greater bailiff, called 'the town baylye,' and of serjeant, called 'the town serjeant,' or to any other inferior offices of the borough aforesaid, and who having respectively notice or knowledge of such election and nomination, elections or nominations, shall refuse and deny to accept or exercise the office or offices to which he or they, so refusing and denying, was or were elected or named, then and so often it be, and shall be, fully lawful to the mayor and capital burgesses of the common council of the borough aforesaid, for the time

being, or the major part of the same, to commit to prison in the aforesaid borough, him or them, so refusing or denying to accept or execute the office and offices to which he or they was or were so elected or named, to remain in the said prison, until he or they be willing to accept or exercise the said office or offices. And also to impose and assess upon such person or persons so refusing, such fines and amercements as shall appear reasonable to the mayor and capital burgesses for the time being, or the major part of them. And to commit to prison, and to retain therein, him or them so refusing, until he or they pay, or cause to be paid, those fines and amercements for the use of the said borough.

If any of
the capital
burgesses
die or be
removed.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain and grant to the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors, that whensoever it shall happen that one or more of the aforesaid twenty-four capital burgesses for the time being, shall die, or be removed from the place of capital burgess or burgesses, then and so often it be, and shall be lawful to the mayor and capital burgesses of the aforesaid borough still surviving or remaining, (being the common council of that borough for the time being) and the greater part of the same, to elect, name, and promote another or several others of the burgesses of the borough aforesaid, into the place or places of such capital burgess or burgesses, as have thus happened to die or to be removed. And that he or they, the persons elected and promoted, (having first taken his or their corporal oath or oaths before the mayor of the borough aforesaid, to execute the office duly) shall be of the number of the aforesaid twenty-four

capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid. And this so often as the case shall so happen.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents we ordain and establish, that the aforesaid mayor of the borough aforesaid, named above for the present time, before he shall in any wise act or enter on the aforesaid several offices of mayor, clerk of the market, coroner, and justice of our peace in the said borough, or on any one of them, shall corporally take the several oaths upon the holy gospel of God, before our beloved subjects George Middleton, knight, and Roger Bradshaw, knight, or one of them, that he will execute the above several offices well and faithfully in all things, according to the duty of those offices respectively. And in like manner, that the aforesaid bailiffs of the borough aforesaid, named above for the present time, before they in any wise act, or enter on their office or offices of bailiff or bailiffs of that borough, shall one and both, corporally take their oaths on the holy gospel of God, before the aforesaid, our beloved subjects, George Middleton, and Roger Bradshaw, or one of them, that they will execute his and their office and offices aforesaid well and faithfully in all things, according to the duty of his and their office and offices respectively. To which George Middleton and Roger Bradshaw, or either of them, by these present letters, we give and grant full power and authority of tendering and administering the several oaths aforesaid, in the form aforesaid, as well to the aforesaid mayor for the present time, as to the aforesaid bailiffs for the present time.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain, and strictly enjoining, we command, that the mayor, bailiffs, and capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and all

Oaths of
the first
mayor,

and first
bailiffs.

Oaths of
obedience
and supremacy.

other officers and functionaries of that borough, and their deputies, and also every justice of the peace, who by these our letters patent has now been named, appointed, and constituted, or by virtue of, or according to the tenor of the same our letters patent, shall hereafter be named, elected, and constituted to preserve our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within the said borough, shall, before they are admitted, or in any wise shall enter upon the execution or the exercise of the office or offices, place or places, to which, as is aforesaid, they have now been respectively named, appointed, and constituted, or hereafter shall be named, elected, or constituted in the form aforesaid, take, he and they, upon the holy gospel of God, as well that corporal oath, commonly called in English 'the oath of obedience,' as that corporal oath commonly called in English 'the oath of supremacy,' before such person or persons, as according to the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England, are appointed and designated at present, or shall be appointed and designated hereafter, to tender and administer such oaths.

A gild-merchant.

AND FURTHER WE HAVE GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT and CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, have a gild-merchant in the aforesaid borough, with all the liberties and free customs appertaining to such a gild, as they have enjoyed it heretofore.*

Assize and assay.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said bo-

* See first note, page 27.

rough of Preston, and their successors, that they have and shall have, within the same borough of Preston, and the bounds and liberties of the same, the assize and assay of bread, wine, and beer, and other provisions, also ulnage and the sealing of all cloths, weights, and measures whatsoever*, and the amendment and correction thereof, and of all other things belonging or appertaining to the office of the clerk of the market of us, or our heirs and successors, together with the punishments and corrections of the same, and the power of doing and executing whatever may belong to that office, as often as, and when it shall be expedient and necessary. And that they have, and shall have all the fines and ransoms and amercements, and all the other profits arising therefrom, for the use and profit of the said borough, and the commonalty of the same.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, WE A court for pleas. WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they and their successors have and hold, and may and can have and hold, a court in the said house called 'the Moot Hall,' or other more convenient place in the said borough, to be holden before the mayor, bailiffs, and seneschal† of the same borough, every third week, on the Friday, for ever. And that they have in the same court full power and authority of hearing and determining, by complaints raised in the same court, all and every kind of debts, accounts, covenants, and contracts, trespasses made by force and arms, or otherwise, in contempt of us, our heirs and successors, covenants, detentions, contempts, deceits, forbidden

* See second and third notes, page 27.

† The same as recorder.

distresses,* and other things and actions personal whatsoever, arising or hereafter to rise, happening, or hereafter to happen, in any manner within the said borough of Preston, and the bounds and limits of the same. And that the same mayor, bailiffs, and seneschal, and their successors, for such complaints, pleas, plaints, and actions, have full power, authority, and faculty to compel the defendants, against whom such plaints, pleas, or actions shall happen to be raised or moved in their court, to plead by summons, attachment, and distress, according to the custom used in our city of London, which are to be directed to the serjeant at mace for the time being. And in default of chattels and lands belonging to such defendants within the borough aforesaid, and the bounds, limits, and liberties of the same, where or by which they may be summoned, attached, or distrained, then by attachment or caption of their bodies, according to the custom used in our said city of London. And to proceed in and to determine the actions, plaints, and pleas aforesaid, by such like proceedings, considerations, judgments and executions of judgments, by which the like pleas are proceeded in and determined in our said city of London. And that the executions of the processes and judgments be done and performed by the aforesaid serjeant at mace. And that the said mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, have and receive for the use and profit of the commonalty of the said borough, and shall have, and receive, and levy all the fines, amercements, and other profits whatsoever forthcoming, arising, happening, or proceeding in and from the court aforesaid, for the use and profit of the said borough, and the commonalty of the same.

* See note, page 28.

WE HAVE GRANTED ALSO, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the same borough of Preston, and their successors, that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the same borough, for the time being, shall have for ever, in the same borough, power and authority to receive all recognizances whatsoever, between merchant and merchant, and to make execution thereof, according to the form of the statutes of merchants, and the statute of Acton Burnell, lately enacted. And that they have the nomination and appointment of the clerk and seal of the same statute, according to custom, and as they have had and used to have in past times.

Power of
taking re-
cognizances,

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant grace, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, we have GIVEN and GRANTED, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, DO GIVE and GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, the view of frank-pledge of all and singular the inhabitants and residents, as well those who reside wholly, as those who do not reside wholly, within the said borough of Preston, and within the limits and bounds of the same borough, for the time being, and from time to time, for ever*: and all things appertaining or belonging to the view of frank-pledge, to be holden in the common house aforesaid, called the Toll-booth, within the said borough of Preston, or in some other convenient place therein, twice in the year, on the same days and times on which it shall appear proper and necessary to them, (as has been the custom from ancient times :) together

and view
of frank-
pledge.

* See note, page 30.

distresses,* and other things and actions personal whatsoever, arising or hereafter to rise, happening, or hereafter to happen, in any manner within the said borough of Preston, and the bounds and limits of the same. And that the same mayor, bailiffs, and seneschal, and their successors, for such complaints, pleas, plaints, and actions, have full power, authority, and faculty to compel the defendants, against whom such plaints, pleas, or actions shall happen to be raised or moved in their court, to plead by summons, attachment, and distress, according to the custom used in our city of London, which are to be directed to the serjeant at mace for the time being. And in default of chattels and lands belonging to such defendants within the borough aforesaid, and the bounds, limits, and liberties of the same, where or by which they may be summoned, attached, or distrained, then by attachment or caption of their bodies, according to the custom used in our said city of London. And to proceed in and to determine the actions, plaints, and pleas aforesaid, by such like proceedings, considerations, judgments and executions of judgments, by which the like pleas are proceeded in and determined in our said city of London. And that the executions of the processes and judgments be done and performed by the aforesaid serjeant at mace. And that the said mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, have and receive for the use and profit of the commonalty of the said borough, and shall have, and receive, and levy all the fines, amercements, and other profits whatsoever forthcoming, arising, happening, or proceeding in and from the court aforesaid, for the use and profit of the said borough, and the commonalty of the same.

* See note, page 28.

cincts of the same, and the jurisdiction thereof, shall henceforth extend and reach, and may and can extend and reach, as well in length and breadth, as in circuit, to such, and the like and the same bounds, boundaries and limits, to which the said borough of Preston, and the circuit and precincts of the same, and the jurisdiction thereof, do extend and reach, and have used to extend and reach from time, the contrary whereof does not exist in the memory of man. And that it shall be fully lawful for the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, from time to time, to make a perambulation or perambulations thereof, in order to have true and better knowledge thereof, as often as it shall appear to them necessary to be done. And this without soliciting and obtaining any warrant for the same from us, our heirs and successors in this part.

and perambulation of its bounds.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant and special grace, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, we have GIVEN and GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, we DO GIVE and GRANT to the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, special licence, and free and lawful power, faculty, and authority, to have, receive, and acquire for themselves and their successors, for ever, manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, and other hereditaments whatsoever, within our kingdom of England, or elsewhere, within our dominions, as well from us, our heirs, and successors, as from any other person or persons whatsoever. Provided that the same manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, services, and other

Power of acquiring lands, &c.

but not beyond the annual value of £200.

hereditaments, to be had, acquired, and received by them, as is aforesaid, do not exceed in the whole the clear annual rent or value of two hundred pounds per annum, besides all other burthens and reprises*; the statute of mortmain, or any other statute, act, ordinance, or provision, heretofore had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Others may
sell, &c.
lands, &c.
to them,

WE ALSO GIVE, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, we GRANT to every our subject, and to any our subjects, or the subjects of our heirs and successors, special licence, and free and lawful power, faculty, and authority, that they, and any one or more of them, may and can give, sell, grant, bequeath, and alienate to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, of the aforesaid borough, and their successors, manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, services, and other hereditaments whatsoever,

provided
the annual
value of
the whole
do not ex-
ceed £200.

YET so that all the aforesaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, services, and other hereditaments, so to be given, granted, sold, bequeathed, or alienated, in virtue of these presents as is aforesaid, to the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the aforesaid borough and their successors, may not exceed in the whole the clear annual rent or value of two hundred pounds per annum, besides all burthens and reprises; the statute of mortmain, or any other thing, cause, or matter, heretofore had, made, enacted, ordained, or provided, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

* Reprises are deductions for rent-charges, fees of stewards, servants, &c. &c.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, and our ^{General} certain knowledge, and our own motion, WE WILL, and grant. by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, we GRANT and CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that they* . . . the borough and town of Preston aforesaid, with all and singular its members, and appurtenances, and also the aforesaid liberties, customs, privileges, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions above recited or specified, and also all and singular the same and such customs, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, and jurisdictions, which the burgesses, or the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, or any one or more of them, by whatever name or names, or by whatever incorporation, or by pretext of whatever incorporation, have heretofore lawfully had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, and enjoyed, by reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent in any wise heretofore made, confirmed, or granted by us, or by any of our progenitors, the kings or queens of this our kingdom of England, or in any other legal manner, by right, custom, use, prescription, or title heretofore used, had, or accustomed; and that the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough and their successors, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, have, hold, use, and enjoy, and may and can fully have, hold, use, and enjoy, for ever, the borough and town of Preston, with all and singular its members and appurtenances for ever, of us, our heirs and successors, under the ancient rent and firm due to

* Some such words as 'may have and hold' are, by mistake, omitted.

as, and to be paid before the date of the present letters, and also all such, and the like lands, tenements, fisheries, liberties of fishing, hereditaments, customs, liberties, commons, privileges, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions, as and which the burgesses, or the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough or the town of Preston, or any one or more of them, by whatever name or names, or by whatever incorporation, or pretext of incorporation, have hitherto lawfully had, held, used, and enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, and enjoyed, by reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent in any wise made, or granted, or confirmed by us, or by any of our progenitors, kings and queens of this our kingdom of England, or in any other legal manner, by right, or custom, use, prescription, or title heretofore had, used or accustomed:

Habendum. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD AND TO ENJOY both the borough and town of Preston aforesaid, and all the aforesaid lands, tenements, fisheries, customs, liberties, commons, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, jurisdictions, and all the other premises, with their appurtenances, unto them, the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, for ever:

Tenendum. TO BE HELD of us, our heirs, and successors, by the ancient firm specified above in lieu of all other services, exactions, and demands whatsoever to be rendered, paid, and performed therefrom to us, our heirs, and successors:

Proviso. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND WE WILL, and by these presents we ordain, appoint and declare, that every person and persons, who at any time hereafter shall be chosen, named, or promoted, to the office or offices of seneschal, recorder, or common clerk of the borough aforesaid, shall solicit and obtain approbation and confirmation in the same office from us, our heirs, and successors: and

Election and confirmation of the recorder.

that it shall not be lawful for any such person, or persons, so chosen or named, or to be chosen or named, to enter in any wise on that office, until he or they shall have obtained and procured such approbation and confirmation in that office, by a warrant or order under the signet and sign manual of us, our heirs, and successors : any thing contained in the present letters to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.—Because express mention, &c.

In testimony of which, &c.—Witness the king at Westminster, the twenty-second day of March.

By Writ of the Privy Seal.

LETTERS PATENT

*Of the thirty-sixth of Charles II.**

CHARLES II. by the grace of God, king of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. to our well-beloved and faithful counsellor, Thomas Chicheley, knight, chancellor of our duchy and county palatine of Lancaster, greeting. WE WILL and command that under the seals of our said duchy and county palatine (the same being in our custody) you cause our letters patent to be made in the following form.

Considerations.

THE KING TO ALL TO WHOM THESE LETTERS SHALL COME, GREETING. WHEREAS our borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster, is an ancient borough, and the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the same borough, under divers separate names, have had, used, and enjoyed, and have, use, and enjoy, divers liberties, franchises, immunities, customs, pre-eminences, and other hereditaments, as well by divers charters and letters patent of divers our progenitors and predecessors lately kings and queens of England, and of other persons, as by reason of divers prescriptions and customs used, had, and approved in the same borough, from time the contrary whereof is not in the memory of man:

Petition of the mayor, &c.

AND WHEREAS our beloved subjects the late mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough have most humbly petitioned us, that for the better rule and the melioration

* Anno 1684.

of the same borough, we would shew and extend in this part to the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, our royal favour and munificence, and that, (by whatever name or names they have been incorporated heretofore, or whether they have been incorporated heretofore or not,) we would deign, by our letters patent, to make, reduce, constitute, ratify, confirm, or create anew, them, the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, into one body corporate and political, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster, with such additions and alterations of the liberties, privileges, immunities, and franchises of the same borough, and in such manner and form, as to us shall seem expedient for the better rule and the melioration of the said borough : THEREFORE we having Incorporated, considered the premises, and willing that for the future one certain and unquestionable manner should be continually observed in our said borough, of and for the custody of our peace, and the rule and government of our people therein, and that the same borough, in all future times, may be and remain a borough of peace and tranquillity, to the fear and terror of the bad, and the protection and reward of the good ; *and also*, that our peace, and the other acts of justice, may be kept and done therein, without any further delay, HAVE, of our special grace, and certain knowledge, and our own motion, WILLED, ORDAINED, CONSTITUTED, AND GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, DO WILL, ORDAIN, CONSTITUTE, GRANT, AND DECLARE, that our aforesaid borough of Preston shall be, and remain for ever hereafter, a free borough : And that the said borough, and the mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the same borough, shall be and remain incorporated for ever, in deed, fact, and name, of one

mayor, seven aldermen, and seventeen capital burgesses, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster: And that they, the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, shall be hereafter one commonalty, and one body corporate and political in deed, fact, and name, for ever, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in our county of Lancaster: And that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the same borough, for the time being, and their successors, for ever hereafter, be and shall be one body corporate, and one perpetual commonalty, in deed, fact, and name, and have a perpetual succession. And by these presents, we create, erect, ordain, make, constitute, confirm, declare, and incorporate by the aforesaid name, them, the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, one commonalty, and one body corporate and political, really, and to the full.

With perpetual succession.

Power to plead, &c.

AND WE WILL, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, and to their successors, that they and their successors may and can implead, and be impleaded, sue, and be sued, defend, and be defended, answer, and be answered, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, in all our courts and places, and those of our heirs and successors, and in other courts and places whatsoever, as well within this our kingdom of England, as elsewhere within our other dominions wheresoever, both in all and singular actions, suits, plaints, causes, and demands, real, personal, or mixt, and in all and singular other causes, affairs, and matters whatsoever. And that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the bo-

To have a common seal.

rough aforesaid, and their successors, may and shall have one common seal, for doing and transacting all their causes and affairs : and that it be and shall be fully lawful for them and their successors, to break that seal at their pleasure, to change it, and to make it anew.

AND FURTHER, that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, be and shall be persons able and capable in law to acquire, receive, have, and take for themselves and their successors, in fee and perpetuity, or for a term of life or lives, or years, or otherwise, demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, revenues, hereditaments, liberties, franchises, rights, jurisdictions, and privileges whatsoever, and also goods and chattels, and all other things of whatsoever kind, nature, species, or quality they may be : and also to give, grant, lease, and assign the same demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels, and to do and execute all other acts and things by the name aforesaid.

To acquire
lands, &c.

AND ALSO WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT and CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that for ever hereafter there be and shall be in the borough aforesaid, one of the more worthy and discreet men of that borough, to be chosen from time to time, in the form mentioned below in these presents, who shall be, and shall be called the mayor of that borough. And that in like manner there be, and shall be within that borough, two other of the more worthy and discreet men of the said borough, to be chosen from time to time, in the form mentioned below, in like manner, who shall

To have a
mayor,

and two
bailiffs,

be, and shall be called the bailiffs of that borough: to wit: one of them 'the town bayliffe,' and the other of them 'the mayor's bayliffe' (as heretofore has been accustomed.) And that in like manner there be, and shall be within the aforesaid borough, seven others of the more worthy and discreet men of the same borough, to be chosen from time to time, after the form mentioned in like manner, who shall be, and shall be called aldermen, and capital burgesses of that borough. And that in like manner there be, and shall be within the said borough seventeen men of the more worthy and discreet men of the said borough, who shall be assisting and aiding to the said mayor, and bailiffs of the same borough, for the time being, in causes and matters touching the same borough, and who shall be, and shall be called, the capital burgesses of the same borough, and shall be the common council of the said borough, for statutes, acts, and ordinances, touching and concerning the public advantage and commodity of the said borough, and the inhabitants thereof, for the time being, to be made and enacted from time to time, by them or the major part of them, with the mayor and aldermen of that borough for the time being, for the better government and rule of the men and causes, things, and affairs of the said borough, for the time being.

and seven
aldermen,

and seven-
teen capi-
tal burges-
ses.

Common
council.

Power to
make bye-
laws,

AND WE WILL, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT, ratify, and confirm to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors, by their common council, or the major part of the same, for the time being, have and shall have full authority, power, and faculty of enacting, constituting, ordaining, making, and establishing,

from time to time, such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, as to them, or the major part of them, for the time being, shall, according to their wholesome discretion, appear to be good, salutary, useful, becoming, and necessary, for the good rule and government of the mayor, bailiffs, aldermen, and other capital burgesses, and all other the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough aforesaid, for the time being; and to declare in what manner and order the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, capital burgesses, and all other and singular the servants, officers, artisans, inhabitants, and residents of that borough shall have, carry, and behave themselves in their offices, functions, services, crafts, and businesses, within the said borough, and the liberties of the same for the time being; and otherwise for the further good and public advantage, and good government of that borough, and the provisioning of the same, and also for the better preservation, administration, disposition, letting and leasing of the lands, tenements, possessions, revenues, and hereditaments of the said borough, which have been given, granted, or assigned, or which hereafter shall be given, granted, or assigned to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors; and of all other things and causes whatsoever, touching, or in any manner concerning, the borough aforesaid, and the statutes, rights, and interests of the same borough. And that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors, by their common council of the aforesaid borough, for the time being, or the major part of them, may and can, as often as they shall have enacted, made, ordained, and established in the form aforesaid, such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, make, ordain, determine, and provide such pains, punishments, and penalties, by fines and amercements,

and to punish delinquents.

against and upon the delinquents against such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances, and constitutions, or any one or more of them, as shall appear to the same aldermen and common council, for the time being, or the major part of them, best, necessary, and requisite for the observance of the aforesaid laws, ordinances, and constitutions; and may and can levy and have the same fines and amercements, without any let of us, our heirs and successors. All which and singular the laws, ordinances, constitutions, rights, and institutes, to be made so as is aforesaid, we will to be observed, under the penalties to be contained therein: YET so, that such laws, ordinances, institutes, and constitutions, pains and penalties, be not contrary but agreeable to the laws and statutes of our kingdom of England.

Nomina-
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mayor un-
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And for the better execution of our said will and grants in this part, WE HAVE ASSIGNED, NAMED, CONSTITUTED and MADE, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, DO ASSIGN, NAME, CONSTITUTE, and MAKE our beloved John Kellet, a burgess of the borough aforesaid, the first and present mayor of the borough aforesaid; willing that the same John Kellet shall be and continue in the office of mayor of the aforesaid borough, from the date of these presents to the feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, next following, and from the same feast until another burgess of the aforesaid borough shall have been promoted, and sworn to, and in the same office, according to the ordinances and provisions expressed and specified below in these presents: if the same John Kellet shall live so long.

and of the
first bal-
liffs,

WE HAVE ALSO ASSIGNED, named, made, constituted, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, DO ASSIGN, name, constitute, and make our beloved Robert Pigot, and Daniel Dunster, inhabitants

of the borough aforesaid, to be the first and present bailiffs of the said borough. And that they shall be and remain in the office of bailiffs of the said borough, from the date of the present letters to the aforesaid feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, then next following, and from the said feast until other burgesses of the said borough shall have been promoted, and sworn to and in that office, according to the ordinances and provisions expressed and specified below in these presents: if the same Robert Pigot and Daniel Dunster shall live so long.

ALSO WE HAVE ASSIGNED, named, made, and constituted, and by these presents, for ourselves, heirs and successors, do ASSIGN, name, ordain, constitute, and make our beloved Lawrence Wall, Thomas Hodgkinson, George Addison, James Ashton, William Lemon the younger, Thomas Winkley, and Roger Sudell the younger, inhabitants of the said borough, to be the seven aldermen of the same borough; and William Lemon the elder, Christopher Nowel, Lawrence Bostock, Richard Taylor, John Corless the elder, William Warden, Josiah Gregson, Roger Haydock, Ralph Rushton, Nicholas Walmesley, Ralph Woodhouse, Thurston Darwen, John Corless the younger, Jonathan Seed, John Atherton, Thomas Wearden, and Evan Ianson, inhabitants of the said borough, to be the seventeen capital burgesses of the same borough; and John Warrenar, one of our justices in our county of Chester and North Wales, to be the first and present recorder of our borough aforesaid.

and of the
aldermen
and capital
burgesses,

and of the
recorder.

AND WE WILL, that the aforesaid bailiffs, aldermen, and capital burgesses, and the recorder named above, and each of them, and every other person named and chosen, or to be hereafter named and chosen to such office, by virtue of these presents, after their oaths duly

and respectively made in this part, according to the tenor of the present letters, be, shall be, and shall continue aldermen, capital burgesses, and recorder of that borough, for and during their natural lives, and the natural life of each one of them respectively, unless in the mean while they, or some one of them, for his or their bad behaviour in his or their office, or for some other reasonable cause, be removed therefrom by the mayor and the rest of the aldermen and capital burgesses of that borough, or the major part of them, for the time being. And we will, that in such case and cases, the aldermen and capital burgesses of the borough above-named, or those hereafter to be elected, by virtue of these letters, shall be removeable in the form aforesaid.

who are removeable.

Their oath. AND FURTHER, WE WILL AND DETERMINE, by these presents, that all the bailiffs, aldermen, capital burgesses and recorder of the borough aforesaid, whether those named above, or those to be hereafter named and elected by virtue of these presents, shall, before they are in any wise admitted into that office of bailiffs, aldermen, capital burgesses, and recorder, all and every one take their corporal oaths upon the holy gospel of God, before the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, to execute well and faithfully that office respectively, in all things according to the duty of the said office. (To which mayor, for the time being, we give and grant by these presents, full power and authority of tendering and administering such oaths, as well to the bailiffs, aldermen, capital burgesses aforesaid, and recorder aforesaid, as to all and every other person and persons hereafter to be named and elected into the offices of the same borough in virtue of these presents.)

Common council.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, that the aldermen and capital burgesses of our borough of Preston aforesaid, for

the time being, together with the mayor of the same borough for the time being, be and shall be the common council of that borough. And by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we make, create, constitute, and declare them, the aforesaid aldermen and capital burgesses of our borough of Preston aforesaid, for the time being, the common council of the said borough.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and to their successors, that the mayor of the said borough of Preston, for the time being, be and shall be clerk of the market of the said borough, and the liberties and precincts thereof; and that no other clerk of the market of us, our heirs or successors, shall therein interfere in any wise in such office, except in the presence of us, our heirs and successors. And that the mayor of the said borough of Preston, for the time being, hereafter be, and shall be our coroner within the same borough, and the liberties and precincts thereof, to do and execute all and singular the things therein, which by the laws and statutes of our kingdom of England, appertain, or ought to appertain, to the office of coroner, within any of the counties of the said kingdom. And that no other coroner of us, our heirs and successors, shall therein interfere in any wise in such office.

MOREOVER WE HAVE GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, and his last predecessor in that office, during the space of one year, from and after his departure from the office of mayor of the

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same borough, respectively, and also the senior alderman, and the recorder of the same borough: for the time being, be and shall be, and every of them be and shall be, justiciary of us, our heirs and successors, to keep and preserve our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within the aforesaid borough, its liberties and precincts, and that they have and shall have, and every of them have and shall have full power and authority to keep therein our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, and to do and execute therein all other things, which in any of our counties of England belong to be done and executed by a justice of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, for the good of our peace and that of our heirs and successors, and for the quiet rule and wholesome government of our people, and the people of our heirs and successors, in all and singular articles to be kept, or caused to be kept within the aforesaid borough, its liberties and precincts, according to the force, form, and effect of the statutes and ordinances enacted on that part: and to cause to be punished according to those statutes and ordinances, and the law of the land, all those whom he shall find acting or transgressing against the force, form and effect of those statutes and ordinances: and of hearing and determining all and every of those things according to the laws and customs of our kingdom of England, so fully and wholly, and in as ample manner and form as justices of the peace, in our said county of Lancaster, or elsewhere, within our kingdom of England, have heretofore had and exercised, or may lawfully have and exercise hereafter, without the aforesaid borough and the liberties and precincts thereof.

Mayor, justice of the peace for the county.

AND FURTHER we will, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we give and grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the

borough of Preston aforesaid, and their successors, that the present mayor of that borough, and every other mayor of the same borough for the time being, to be named and chosen hereafter, he and they respectively, be and shall be justiciaries of us, our heirs and successors, to keep and preserve our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, *in our county of Lancaster*, and to do, execute, and perform all other things, which may and ought to be done, executed, and performed by a justice of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within the same county, by the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England already made, or to be made hereafter. And by these presents we make, ordain, and constitute, the present mayor of the borough aforesaid, and all and every mayor and mayors of that borough for the time being, to be named and chosen hereafter, justiciary and justiciaries of us, our heirs and successors, to keep and preserve our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within our aforesaid county of Lancaster, and to do, and execute, all other things aforesaid, which can, or ought to be done and executed by a justice of the peace within our said county of Lancaster, as is aforesaid.

AND MOREOVER WE WILL, and by these presents, we ordain, and appoint, that the present mayor of the aforesaid borough above-named, before he in any wise acts or interferes in the aforesaid several offices of mayor, clerk of the market, coroner, and justice of peace for that borough, and justice of peace for the aforesaid county of Lancaster, or any one of them, shall take his several corporal oaths on the holy gospel of God, before our beloved and faithful subjects, Richard Standish, Baronet, Peter Brooke, Knight, Edward Fleetwood, Esquire, and Lawrence Rawstorne, Esquire, or any two

Oaths of
the first
mayor.

or more of them, to execute well and faithfully, those several offices in all things, according to the duty of those offices respectively: and to the same Richard Standish, Peter Brooke, Edward Fleetwood, and Lawrence Rawstorne, and to any two, or more of them, we give and grant, by these presents, full power and authority, to tender and administer the said several oaths to the present mayor aforesaid, in the form aforesaid.

Oaths of
his prede-
cessor, &c.

MOREOVER WE WILL, and by these presents we ordain and appoint, that the last predecessor of the mayor for the time being, the senior alderman, and the recorder aforesaid, before they in any wise act or interfere in the aforesaid office of justice of peace in our said borough, the liberties and precincts thereof, shall take their corporal oaths, upon the holy gospel of God, before the mayor of the said borough of Preston, for the time being, to perform that office well and faithfully in all things, according to the duty of the same office: and to the said mayor of the said borough of Preston, for the time being, we give and grant, by these presents, full power and authority to tender and administer the aforesaid oaths to the last predecessor of him the said mayor, the senior alderman, and the recorder aforesaid, for the time being.

Common
hall.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, **WE WILL**, and of our certain knowledge, and our own motion, we grant, by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that a certain house within the said borough, vulgarly called the Toll-booth, otherwise the Moot-hall, be and shall be the common hall and house of the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and of their successors for ever, as well to make their

meetings and assemblies in the same, as to hold and transact therein, from time to time, all and every their courts, pleas, causes, matters, deliberations, and affairs whatsoever.

AND ALSO, of our more abundant favour, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they or the major part of them, for the time being, meet, and may and can meet, from time to time, in every year henceforth for ever, in the week next preceding the aforesaid feast of St Wilfrid, archbishop, in the aforesaid hall and house, or in some other convenient place within the said borough : And there two persons of the more worthy and discreet inhabitants of the said borough, who, as has heretofore been accustomed, are to be chosen and named by them, (to wit) one by the mayor, and the other by the aldermen of the said borough, then and there present, shall corporally make oath before the mayor of the said borough, for the time being, that they with convenient speed will name and chuse twenty-four of the other more discreet and worthy burgesses, inhabitants within the borough aforesaid, to elect and name a new mayor, a new bailiff, called ‘ the town bayliffe,’ and a new serjeant, called ‘ the town serjeant.’ Which four and twenty persons, after they shall have thus been named and elected, shall corporally make oath before the mayor of the said borough, for the time being, that they with convenient speed will elect and name such a discreet person, being a burgess of the borough aforesaid, and dwelling in the same, as shall seem to them most fitting for the advantage of the borough aforesaid, and for the maintenance, and preservation of

Election of
a new
mayor,

the liberties of the same, to be the mayor of the said borough: and one other fit person, being a burgess of the same borough, and dwelling within the same, or the liberties thereof, as shall appear to them proper, to be the bailiff of the said borough, called 'the town bayliffe;' and also such other discreet and fit person, being a burgess of the same borough, and dwelling within the same, or the liberties of the same, as shall appear necessary and proper to them, to be the serjeant, called 'the town serjeant' in the borough aforesaid. And if the aforesaid twenty-four men cannot consent and agree together in the aforesaid election, then we will that the consent and election of the major part of the same shall take effect, as heretofore has been customary. (To which mayor of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, we give and grant, by the present letters, full authority and power of tendering and administering the aforesaid oaths to the aforesaid several persons from time to time respectively.) Which men thus elected, or to be elected, to the several offices of mayor, bailiff and serjeant, before they are admitted to execute these several offices, shall all and every one corporally make oath to execute those offices well and faithfully, in the form specified below in these presents: and after such oaths thus severally taken, they may and can execute those offices severally for one entire year then next following.

AND MOREOVER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, of the borough aforesaid and their successors, that if it happen that the mayor of the borough aforesaid, at any time within one year after he has been promoted and sworn to the office of mayor of the borough aforesaid, as is said before, should die, or be removed from his office during

the time in which he is mayor of the same borough, (which mayor of that borough, for the time being, it is our will shall be removeable for his bad behaviour in that office, or for any other reasonable cause, by the aldermen and capital burgesses of that borough, or the major part of them, for the time being) then and so often it be, and shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid aldermen and capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the major part of the same, to meet in the said house or place, or other convenient place within the borough aforesaid, on a certain day prefixed or to be prefixed within eight days next following the death, or such removal of the mayor, and that there they may and can elect, and name, and appoint one of themselves, being aldermen, to be mayor of the aforesaid borough. And that the person so chosen and promoted have and execute that office during the remainder of the same year (having first taken his corporal oath in the form specified below) and this as often as the case may happen.

or be removed by the capital burgesses,

another mayor to be elected.

AND WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that every person of the borough aforesaid, who hereafter shall be elected to the office of mayor of the borough aforesaid, shall make and take the several corporal oaths upon the holy gospel of God, before his last predecessor in the same office, if the same predecessor be alive and then present, but if the same predecessor be then dead or absent, then before the aldermen and capital burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, being then and there present, as well for the faithful execution of the office and offices of mayor, and clerk

Oaths to be taken by the mayor elect.

of the market, and our coroner of that borough, as of the offices of justice of our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within that borough, and the aforesaid county of Lancaster : and to his same predecessor in the office of mayor of that borough, and to the same aldermen and capital burgesses of the same borough, for the time being, and the greater part of them, we give and grant by these presents full power and authority to tender and administer such oaths to every person chosen, or to be chosen hereafter, from time to time, after the aforesaid form, to the office of mayor of the said borough.

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town ser-
jeant die,
or be re-
moved.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant and confirm to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that as often as and whensoever it shall happen, that the bailiff, called 'the towne bailiffe,' and the serjeant of the said borough, called 'the towne serjeant,' or either of them, shall die within one year after that he or they has or have been promoted and sworn to those offices of bailiff and serjeant, as is said before, or within that time shall have been removed from those offices, or either of them respectively, then and so often it be, and shall be fully lawful for the mayor of the said borough, the aforesaid aldermen, and the capital burgesses of that borough (being the common council of the same borough) or for the major part of them, for the time being, within eight days then next following, to chuse and promote, in the manner and form described above, one other or others, inhabitants of the borough aforesaid, into the place or places of him or them so dying or removed, and that he or they so chosen and promoted, have and execute, during the remainder of the same

year, that office or those offices, to which he or they respectively have been chosen, named, and promoted. And this so often as the case shall so happen.

AND WE WILL, that all and every the person and persons hereafter chosen, named, and promoted to such office or offices last mentioned, before he or they enter in any wise on that office or those offices, shall take his or their corporal oath or oaths, upon the holy gospel of God, before the mayor of the aforesaid borough, for the time being, for the due execution of that or those office or offices respectively. To which mayor, for the time being, we give and grant by these present letters, full power and authority of tendering and administering, from time to time, such oaths in the form aforesaid.

Oaths of
bailiff, and
serjeant.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors, that the mayor of the same borough for the time being shall, from time to time, whensoever it shall so please him, name, chuse, and appoint one decent and fit person, being a burgess, and dwelling within the said borough, to be, and bear the office of bailiff, called 'the mayor's bayliffe,' as long as the same mayor shall be or remain in his office, to do all those things which appertain to such office of bailiff. Also that the mayor aforesaid, for the time being, shall, from time to time, whensoever it shall so please him, name, chuse, and appoint one other fit person, a burgess, and dwelling within the borough aforesaid, to be, and bear the office of sub-bailiff, called the serjeant at mace, or 'the mayor's serjeant,' as long as the same mayor shall be in his office, or as long as it shall be his pleasure, to make, perform, and execute proclamations, arrests, processes, executions, and other things

Appoint-
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appertaining to his office within the said borough, and the limits, bounds and precincts of the same, in like manner and form as the serjeants at mace in our city of London do make and execute. And that the same serjeant at mace so named, appointed, and elected, may and can bear a mace engraven with our arms, within the limits and bounds of the said borough, during the
 Their oaths. time that he shall be in that office. And that every person named and chosen, or to be named and chosen, as well to the office of bailiff, called 'the mayor's bayliffe,' as to the office of serjeant at mace within the said borough, shall make and take his corporal oath before the mayor of the same borough, for the time being, to execute and exercise his office well and faithfully. To which mayor of that borough, for the time being, we give and grant by these presents, full power and authority to tender and administer such oaths, from time to time, in the form aforesaid.

Punish-
ment of
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refusing to
serve.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, as far as lies in us, WE GRANT AND CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that if any one or more of the persons, who shall hereafter be named and chosen to the offices of the mayor's bailiff, called 'the town bayliffe,' and of the serjeant, called 'the town serjeant,' or to any other inferior office or offices of the borough aforesaid, after having respectively notice or knowledge of such election and nomination, elections or nominations, shall refuse and deny to accept or exercise the office or offices to which he or they, so refusing and denying, was or were elected or named, then and so often it be, and shall be fully lawful to the mayor, aldermen, and capital burgesses of the common council of the borough

aforesaid, for the time being, or the major part of the same, to commit to prison in the aforesaid borough, him or them so refusing or denying to accept or execute the office and offices to which he or they was or were so elected or named, to remain in the said prison, until he or they be willing to accept or exercise the said office or offices. And also to impose and assess upon such person or persons so refusing, such fines and amercements as shall appear reasonable to the same mayor, aldermen, and capital burgesses for the time being, or the major part of them. And to commit to prison, and to retain therein, him or them so refusing, until he or they pay, or cause to be paid, those fines and amercements, for the use of the said borough.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain and grant to the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, and their successors, that whensoever it shall happen that one or more of the aforesaid aldermen, capital burgesses, and recorder, for the time being, or any of them, shall die, or be removed from the place of alderman, capital burgess or recorder, or any of them, then and so often it be, and shall be lawful to the mayor, aldermen, and capital burgesses of the aforesaid borough, still surviving or remaining, (being the common council of that borough for the time being) and the greater part of the same, to chuse, name, and promote another or several others of the burgesses of the borough aforesaid, into the place or places of such alderman or aldermen, capital burgess or burgesses, or recorder, as may have thus happened to die or to be removed. And that he or they, the person or persons elected and promoted, (having first taken his or their corporal oath or oaths before the mayor of the borough aforesaid, to execute

If any of
the capital
burgesses
die, or be
removed.

that office duly) shall be of the number of the aforesaid aldermen, capital burgesses, and recorder of the borough aforesaid. And this so often as the case shall so happen.

Oaths of
obedience
and supremacy.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain, and strictly enjoining, we command, that the mayor, bailiffs, aldermen, capital burgesses, and recorder of the borough aforesaid, and all other officers and functionaries of that borough, and their deputies, and also every justice of the peace, who by these our letters patent has now been named, appointed, and constituted to keep our peace, and that of our heirs and successors, within that borough, and the aforesaid county of Lancaster, as is mentioned above, or who by virtue of, or according to the tenor of the same our letters patent, shall hereafter be so named, elected, and constituted, shall, before they are admitted, or in any wise shall enter upon the execution or the exercise of the office or offices, place or places, to which, as is aforesaid, they have now been respectively named, appointed, and constituted, or hereafter shall be named, elected, or constituted in the form aforesaid, take, he and they, upon the holy gospel of God, as well that corporal oath, commonly called in English 'the oath of obedience,' as that corporal oath commonly called in English 'the oath of supremacy,' before such person or persons, as according to the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England, are appointed and designated at present, or shall be appointed and designated hereafter, to tender and administer such oaths.

Provido.

PROVIDED always, and by these presents, we reserve to ourselves, our heirs and successors, from time to time, and for all times hereafter, full power and authority, to remove, and to declare removed, according to our

will and pleasure, and that of our heirs and successors, the mayor, the recorder or seneschal, and his deputy, or any one or more of the bailiffs, aldermen, capital burgesses, and common council, or justices of the aforesaid borough for the time being, by our order, or that of our heirs and successors, made in the privy council, and signified respectively under the seal of the privy council: and that as often as we, or our heirs and successors, by any such order made in the privy council, shall declare any one or more of the persons and officers aforesaid removed from his or their offices respectively, then and from thence such person and officer, persons and officers, thus declared removed, be and shall be really, and to all intents and purposes whatsoever, removed by the fact itself, and without any further process, from his and their offices respectively. And this as often as the case shall happen, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding. And then and in such case, from time to time, as often as the case shall occur, within a convenient time after such removal or removals, another fit person, or other fit persons shall be chosen, appointed, and sworn into the place and office, or respective places and offices, of the person or persons so removed, as has been expressed and mentioned above in these presents.

AND FURTHER WE HAVE GRANTED, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT and CONFIRM to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, have a gild-merchant in the aforesaid borough, with all the liberties and free customs appertaining to such a gild, as they have enjoyed it heretofore.*

A gild-merchant.

* See first note, page 27.

Assize and
assay.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we GRANT to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they have and shall have, within the same borough of Preston, and the bounds and liberties of the same, the assize and assay of bread, wine, and beer, and other provisions, also ulnage and the sealing of all cloths, weights, and measures whatsoever*, and the amendment and correction thereof, and of all other things belonging or appertaining to the office of the clerk of the market of us, or our heirs and successors, together with the punishments and corrections of the same, and the power of doing and executing whatever may belong to that office, as often as, and when it shall be expedient and necessary. And that they have, and shall have all the fines and ransoms and amercements, and all the other profits arising therefrom, for the use and profit of the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, for the time being.

A court for
pleas.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, we WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, WE GRANT to the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they and their successors have and hold, and may and can have and hold, a court in the said house called 'the Moot Hall,' or other more convenient place in the said borough, to be holden before the mayor, and two or more aldermen of the same borough, every third week, on the Friday, for ever. And that they have in the same court full power and authority to hear and determine complaints raised in the same court, concerning all and every kind of debts, accounts, covenants, and con-

* See second and third notes, page 27.

tracts, trespasses made by force and arms, or otherwise, in contempt of us, our heirs and successors, covenants, detentions, contempts, deceits, forbidden distresses,* and other things and actions personal whatsoever, arising or hereafter to arise, happening, or hereafter to happen, in any manner within the said borough of Preston, and the bounds and limits of the same. And that the same mayor, and two or more of the aldermen, and their successors, for such complaints, pleas, plaints, and actions, have full power, authority, and faculty to compel the defendants, against whom such plaints, pleas, or actions shall happen to be raised or moved in their court, to plead by summons, attachment, and distress, according to the custom used in our city of London, which are to be directed to the serjeant at mace for the time being. And in default of chattels and lands belonging to such defendants within the borough aforesaid, and the bounds, limits, and liberties of the same, where or by which they may be summoned, attached, or distrained, then by attachment or caption of their bodies, according to the custom used in our said city of London. And to proceed in and to determine the actions, plaints, and pleas aforesaid, by such like proceedings, considerations, judgments and executions of judgments, by which the like pleas are proceeded in and determined in our said city of London. And that the executions of the processes and judgments be done and performed by the aforesaid serjeant at mace. And that the said mayor, and two or more aldermen aforesaid, with respect to all and every the actions, plaints, and pleas, lately pending before the mayor, bailiffs, and seneschal of the borough of Preston, proceed to judg-

* See note, page 28.

ment, and make execution thereof according to the laws and customs of this our kingdom of England. And that the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors have and receive for the use and profit of the commonalty of the said borough, and shall have, and receive, and levy all the fines, amercements, and other profits whatsoever forthcoming, arising, happening, or proceeding in and from the court aforesaid, for the use and profit of the said borough, and the commonalty of the same.

Power of
taking re-
cognizances,

WE HAVE ALSO GRANTED, and by the present letters, for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, do grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, that the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough, for the time being, have, for ever, in the said borough, power and authority to receive all recognizances whatsoever between merchant and merchant, and to make execution thereof, according to the form of the statutes of merchants, and the statute of Acton Burnell, lately enacted. And that they have the nomination of the clerk and seal of the same, according to custom, and as they hitherto have had, and have been used to have.

of holding
a view of
frank-
pledge,

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, and our certain knowledge, and our own motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we do give and grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, the view of frankpledge* of all and every the inhabitants and residents, as well those who reside entirely, as those who do not reside entirely, within the said borough of Preston, and within the bounds and limits of the said borough, for the time being, and from time to time for ever.

* See note, page 30.

And all things belonging or appertaining to the view of frank-pledge to be held in the aforesaid common house called the Toll-booth, or some other convenient place within the said borough of Preston, twice in the year, on the same days, and at the same times, on and at which it shall seem to them proper and necessary, accordingly as has been accustomed from ancient times, together with all summonses, attachments, arrests, issues, amercements, fines, ransoms, profits, commodities, and other things whatsoever, which might or ought in any manner to belong therefrom to us, our heirs and successors.

AND WE WILL, and by these present letters, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant and confirm to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they, the same mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, have and hold, and may and can have and hold for ever, two markets, to be holden every Wednesday and Saturday of each week, in the said borough of Preston, and two fairs to be holden and kept there every year, as heretofore has been accustomed, to wit, one of the said fairs to begin on the assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary, and to last during eight days; and the other of the said fairs on the vigil and the feast of the apostles Simon and Jude, and to last during five days, together with a court of Pie-poudre* to be holden in the same place at the times of the said fairs and markets, together with the stallage, piccage,† fines, amercements, and all other profits, commodities, and emoluments whatsoever, appertaining, happening, arising, or belonging in and to such markets, fairs, and courts

Two weekly markets,
and two annual fairs.

* See note, page 31.

† Ibid.

of Pie-poudre, and with all the liberties and free customs appertaining or belonging to such markets or fairs, to be received and applied to the sole need, use, and benefit of the said mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors, and the commonalty of the said borough of Preston for the time being.

A third
fair.

AND FURTHER WE WILL, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, that they and their successors may have and keep one other fair within the said borough, in and upon the sixteenth day of March every year for ever, for the buying and selling of all and every manner of goods, cattle, wares, and merchandizes; and that every such fair shall last during three days, unless the aforesaid sixteenth day of March shall happen to be the Lord's day. And if it happen to be the Lord's day, then the fair shall be kept on the Monday next following, together with the tolls, piccage, stallage and all profits arising and forthcoming from such fair, to be received by them the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses, and their successors. And that the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs and burgesses, and their successors, have, receive, and enjoy, and may and can have, receive, and enjoy all and every manner of toll whatsoever, in sort and kind, for all and every the grains and corn whatsoever, which for the future shall be brought forth and exposed for sale, as well at the aforesaid ancient fairs and markets, as at the aforesaid new fair, or any one thereof: and that before the sale of the same.

Circuit of
Preston.

AND WE WILL, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we ordain, confirm, and grant, that our said borough of Preston, and the circuit, precincts, and jurisdiction thereof, shall for the future ex-

tend and reach, and may and can extend and reach, from thence, as well in length and breadth as in circuit, to such, the same and the like bounds, boundaries, and limits, to which the said borough of Preston, and the circuit and precincts, and jurisdiction thereof have extended and reached, and have been accustomed to extend and reach from time beyond the memory of man. And that it shall be fully lawful for the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston, and their successors, from time to time, to make the perambulation thereof, (to have a true and better knowledge thereof,) as often as it shall seem to them necessary to be done: and this without soliciting or obtaining any warrant for the purpose from us, our heirs or successors in this part.

Perambulation of its bounds.

AND MOREOVER of our more ample and special favour, and certain knowledge, and our own motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we give and grant to the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, special license and free and lawful power, faculty, and authority to have, receive, and acquire, to themselves and their successors, for ever, manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, and other hereditaments whatsoever, within our kingdom of England, or elsewhere within our dominions, both from us, our heirs and successors, and from any other person or persons whomsoever; provided the same manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, services, and other hereditaments to be had, acquired, and received by them in the manner aforesaid, do not in the whole exceed the clear annual

Power to acquire lands.

rent or value of five hundred pounds per annum, besides all other burdens and outgoings; the statute of not placing lands and tenements in mortmain, or any other statute, act, ordinance, or provision heretofore had, made, ordained or provided, or any other thing, matter, or cause whatsoever, to the contrary notwithstanding.

WE ALSO GIVE, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to any our subject or subjects whomsoever, or the subject or subjects of our heirs and successors, special license, and free and lawful power, faculty and authority, that they, or any one or more of them, may and can give, sell, grant, bequeath, and alienate to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, services, and other hereditaments whatsoever: yet so, that all the aforesaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, revenues, services, and other hereditaments to be given, granted, sold, bequeathed, or alienated in the manner aforesaid, by virtue of these presents, to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and their successors, do not exceed in the whole the clear annual rent or value of five hundred pounds a year, besides all burdens and outgoings; the statute of not placing lands and tenements in mortmain, or any other thing, cause, or matter heretofore had, made, enacted, ordained, or provided to the contrary notwithstanding.

General
grant.

AND FURTHER, of our more abundant favour, and certain knowledge, and own motion, we will, and by these presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant and confirm to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their suc-

cessors, the borough and town of Preston aforesaid, with all and singular its members and appurtenances, and also the aforesaid liberties, customs, privileges, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions recited or specified above, and moreover all and singular the same and such-like customs, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, and jurisdictions, which the burgesses, or mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the said borough of Preston aforesaid, or any one or more of them, by whatever name or names, whatever incorporation, or by pretext of whatever incorporation, severally or collectively, have lawfully had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, or enjoyed, through reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent, in any wise heretofore made, confirmed, or granted by us, or any of our progenitors the kings or queens of this our kingdom of England, or in any legal manner, by right, custom, use, prescription, or title hitherto had, used, and accustomed. And that the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of that borough, and their successors, by the name of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Preston, in the county of Lancaster, have and hold, use and enjoy, and may and can fully have, hold, use and enjoy, for ever, the borough and town of Preston, with all and singular its members and appurtenances, for ever, and also all and such manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, fisheries, liberties of fishing, revenues, services, hereditaments, customs, liberties, commons, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions, which the burgesses, or the bailiffs and burgesses, or the mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the borough or town of Preston,

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or any one or more of them, by whatever name or names, or by whatever incorporation, or by pretence of whatever incorporation, have lawfully had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used, and enjoyed heretofore, by reason or pretence of any charters, or letters patent in any wise heretofore made, or granted, or confirmed by us, or any of our progenitors, kings or queens of this our kingdom of England, or in any other legal manner, by right or custom, use, prescription, or title heretofore had, or used, or accustomed: **TO HAVE**, to hold and enjoy as well the borough and town of **Preston** aforesaid, as all the aforesaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rectories, tithes, rents, fisheries, liberties of fishing, revenues, services, hereditaments, customs, liberties, commons, privileges, franchises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions, and all other the premises with their appurtenances aforesaid, unto the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for ever, under the tenure, rents and payments, (if there be any) owing and payable to us therefrom.

WE WILL moreover, and by these presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, we grant to the aforesaid mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of **Preston** aforesaid and their successors, that they have, and shall have these our letters patent, as well under our great seal of England, as under the seal of our county palatine of **Lancaster** aforesaid, made and sealed in due manner in our duchy of **Lancaster**: **BECAUSE THAT, &c.** **IN WITNESS WHEREOF, &c.** **GIVEN** under our privy seal at our palace of **Westminster**, the fourteenth day of **January**, in the thirty-sixth year of our reign.

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